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Nitty-gritty gospel

A sign language interpreter gets down at the Gospel AIDS Benefit for World AIDS Day at the Civic Center Auditorium last Wednesday, December 1. (Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

Gift Ideas for the Sports-minded: Have a Very Butch Christmas

compiled by Roxxie Rosen

The image of gay men as wispy, effeminate poofs and of lesbians as large, sedentary couch potatoes has been blasted to bits by now — as if it ever had validity. Proof abounds, from the ever-more gigantic Gay Games to the smaller groups of lesbian and gay running enthusiasts, soc-cer players, wrestlers, rowers,

weightlifters, and table terms sportspersons, that gay men and lesbians have proved themselves at least as athletic as their heterosexual counter-

parts.
Fortunately, the new athletic boom has been a boon to holiday shoppers. For instead of having to settle for gifts to give gay and lesbian jocks, it's possible to really enjoy picking expething out they will ing something out they will

need, want, and use.

The thing to remember is everyone is athletic in their own unique way. (In some cases, the athleticism doesn't show outside the bedroom—which won't qualify anyone for the Gay Games, but is a gay game that has its support groups of San Francisco enthusiasts. That sport will not be discussed in this particular (Continued on page 18)

Surprise Developments in the Buttino Lawsuit:

Reno Says No Discrimination - But What Does That Mean?

On Thursday, December 2, the opening day of gay former FBI agent Frank Buttino's class action lawsuit charging the FBI with antigay job bias, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno issued a policy statement that added sexual orientation to the Justice Department's basic antidiscrimination policies.

tice Department's basic anti-discrimination policies. Early enthusiasm for Reno's statement by some prominent lesbians and gays has mostly withered in the ensuing week, as it has be-come clear her action did not create any enforceable legal rights for employees who feel they have been discriminated against by Justice Department agencies.

Attorney Richard Gayer, who represents Buttino, told the Bay Area Reporter that Reno's policy statement clearly still allows the FBI to discriminate the statement of the statem criminate on the basis of

sexual conduct.
Gayer says that any gay person who goes to a lesbian



Former FBI agent Frank But-

or gay bar, or answers an ad in a gay newspaper or on a gay computer dating service, or visited a bathhouse, could be rejected under the policy.

Conduct vs. orientation

"Janet Reno's statement changes nothing about the FBI policy, and the FBI can

discriminate on the basis of discriminate on the basis of sexual conduct, as opposed to sexual orientation," Gayer said. He characterized it as worse than the Pentagon policy, describing the new Reno rules as "don't ask, don't tell, don't fuk." don't fuck."

Appropriate qualifications

"The Department of Jus-tice does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, reli-gion, sex, national origin, dis-ability or sexual orientation,"

ability or sexual orientation," said Reno's statement.

The policy statement also said that employment within the Justice Department is based on "ability, performance, experience, conduct, character, judgement, stability, discretion, integrity, responsibility, candor, and other appropriate qualifications."

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Gayer remarked, regarding the vague wording, "one interpretation of Reno's policy is that only lesbian or gay people who are celibate will be able to obtain or remain in employment with the FBI."

The Justice Department

First of Two Sections

The Bay Area Reporter Salutes





by Rabbi Yoel Kahn, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, San Francisco

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, San Francisco

Chanukah, the festival of lights, is at the center of our December. Like every Jewish ritual and holiday, Chanukah has multiple meanings and associations — some ancient, some added over the generations, and some the product of our own celebrations. Often people ask me, "Why do we do this or that practice? What does it mean?" I try to give as honest an answer as I can, but I fear that my very effort to answer is misleading because everything means a lot. Consider some of the meanings of Chanukah and the menorah.

In its origins, Chanukah is a story about a civil war. Objecting to the forced worship of the local emperor, militant Jews took to the hills and began a guerrilla war. They were revolutionaries or freedom fighters. Their example has been an inspiration to contemporary Jews resisting oppression. To the early Zionists, the militant activism of the Maccabees offered an alternative model to the passivity they perceived in the mainstream Jewish community of their day.

The militarism of the Hasmoneans, the clan that led the revolt, was troubling to succeeding generations. After later attempts at reestablishing Jewish sovereignty were cruelly suppressed, a new emphasis on the miraculous nature of the Maccabean revolt emerged. These Jews focused less on the military struggle and more on the Temple — especially the story of the single jar of oil which lasted for eight days. The spiritual message they saw in Chanukah was the redeeming power of God's help which can turn a very small fire into an enduring blaze of hope.

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Chanukah itself means "dedication." After the Temple was recovered and restored, it was rededicated. The celebration lasted for eight days. Lighting the menorah invites us to return to the themes of our High Holidays, Rosh Hashanah and Yom

lasted for eight days. Lighting the menorah invites us to return to the themes of our High Holidays, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, once again asking ourselves about our own dedication. What is most important in our life? How do we dedicate our limited resources? What are we doing to keep the flame of inspiration and hope burning within ourselves and in the world? At its core, Chanukah is a story of resistance to conformity with the majority and dominant culture. For many in our community the "winter holidays" are a time when they feel isolated and marginalized. One large dreidel picture or a single menorah does little to counter the overwhelming flood of Christmas music, imagery and hype. (My personal solution: I don't do retail during December. As a Congregation, Sha'ar Zahav and other Jewish community members help staff the kitchens and delivery routes of Project Open Hand on Christmas Eve and Christmas day.) Chanukah is a reminder of how Jews in generations past have struggled to preserve their traditions, identity and dignity.

There are many other interpretations of the holiday and its rituals but I will only add one more, my favorite: Why, the rabbis asked, do we add a candle each night? If there was just one jar of oil and it lasted for eight days, wouldn't one expect the flame to get smaller each night? Yes, but... The lights of the menorah, we are taught, are holy. They symbolize dedication and commitment to that which is most precious. To go from eight lights down to seven and so on would suggest a decline in holiness; we therefore increase the number of candles each night, consider dedicating that evening's candles to a person, group or value that has helped or will help you ascend the ladder of holiness.

May your Chanukah season be filled with light.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav will observe the Festival of Lights at its weekly Sabbath services, the evening of Friday, December 10 at 8:15, 220 Danvers Street, and its annual Chanukah party, Saturday night, December 11, at St. Paulus Lutheran Church, Gough at Eddy, 7-11 p.m. Menorah lighting

has flatly refused to discuss Reno's statement in connection with Buttino's class ac tion lawsuit.

ton lawsuit.

According to spokesperson
Joe Kovisky, the Justice Department "will not comment"
on any aspect of Buttino's suit
in U.S. District Court in San
Francisco while it is in litiga-

Buttino had his security clearance revoked in 1990, and was later dismissed from the FBI, after agency officials received an anonymous letter outing him and launched an investigation into his sexual

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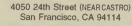
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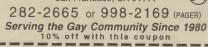
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Community News

'Extremely Savage' Robber Hospitalizes Castro Shopkeeper

Police Seek Suspect, Witness, and Clues from the Community

by Dennis Conkin

A Castro district shopkeep-er is in guarded critical condi-tion at San Francisco General Hospital with massive head injuries after he was viciously beaten and his store was robbed on Tuesday, December 7

robbed on Tuesday, December 7.

Larry Tsering, the owner of Southwest Tradewinds jewelry and curio shop at 18th and Sanchez streets, was the victim of a "an extremely savage" attack, according to SFPD Robbery Inspector Randy Krings.

The attack occurred sometime between 12:30 and 1:40 p.m., when Tsering was found semi-conscious in his shop by a customer.

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According to Krings, Tsering was able to tell police that two men entered the shop separately just before the inci-

dent.
One of the men, Tsering told police, was a prior customer who left the shop a short time later.

Tsering was behind the counter and could remember nothing about the attack except that he turned away from the remaining customer and was struck from behind with an unidentified blunt ob-

The store, once known as the Himalayan Shop, sells jewelry on consignment and American Indian and Tibetan

American Indian and Tibetan Buddhist cultural and religious items.

According to Krings, the suspect inquired about earrings behind the counter before the attack.

When police and ambu

fore the attack.

When police and ambulance personnel arrived, the cash drawer was open and empty, and jewelry and other

tiems had also been stolen. An inventory has not yet been completed.

Krings told the Bay Area Reporter that police are seeking the person identified by Tsering as a "friendly customer" who had shopped at the store on previous occasions, as a potential witness.

The customer is described as a Caucasian male, about 45 years old, 5'8" or 5'9", weighing 200 pounds, with thinning hair and some facial hair, possibly a goatee, who may live in Oakland, California.

The suspect is described as

in Oakland, California.

The suspect is described as
a Hispanic male, about 25
years old, 5'10", weighing between 125 and 130 pounds,
with black hair combed back

Anyone with any information should contact SFPD Robbery Inspector Randy Krings at (415) 553-1201.

'Marshaling the Best of the Religious Responses:'

Local Pastor Pozar Attends White House AIDS Meeting

Pastor Michael Pozar of Pastor Michael Pozar of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Pacifica met with Presi-dent Clinton and AIDS czar Kristine Gebbie on Monday, November 29, as one of 14 representatives of various rerepresentatives of various religious denominations from around the country. The purpose of the meeting was, according to Pozar, two-fold: to review the government's involvement in combating AIDS and to renew public interest in the campaign against the epidemic.

terest in the campaign against the epidemic.
Pozar is the founder of the Lutheran AIDS Network, which he characterizes as a "loose organization of all kinds of people in the U.S. and Canada — frontline people, not bureaucrats — who work to help PWAs and promote better governmental involvement."

It was an unprecedented

volvement."

It was an unprecedented meeting; so much so that a rabbi in attendance pointed out that it was a "holy moment, the first time a President had met with religious leaders on the epidemic."

Among the other attendees was a Methodist bishop who had lost two sons to the disease, and Stephen Pieters, a minister with AIDS from the Metropolitan Community Church who was seated on Church who was seated on the President's right — while two evangelicals were seated at Clinton's left. Pozar told the B.A.R. the evangelicals were helpful in the discussion.

The White House initiated

the meeting in preparation for World AIDS Day, after staff members recognized that the President's prayer break-fasts had not had sufficient fo-cus, Pozar explained. "They cus, Pozar explained. "They wanted to marshal the best of the religious responses," he stated.

Pozar told the B.A.R. that Clinton especially emphasized the need for moral leadership to be more forcefully ex-



Holy Cross Lutheran Church Pastor Michael Pozar.

pressed by the government; for churches to be partici-pants in that expression; and for a partnership to exist be-tween the government and churches to promote AIDS

The White initiated the conference after staff members recognized Clinton's prayer breakfasts had not had sufficient focus.

As testimony was ex-As testimony was exchanged on the participants' experiences with AIDS and its effects, Pozar offered the story of a Tucson man with AIDS of his denomination who was denied a funeral service at his church in the Arizons city. zona city.

zona city.

Pozar urged that the leadership change the time of World AIDS Day because of its proximity to Christmas and relocating it to some othand relocating it to some other time of the year. In conclusion, he predicted the meeting would have a strong ripple effect, and should usher in a positive new working relationship between the government and churches.

Pozar also cited Clinton's follow-up on Wednesday, December 1, when the President accepted the criticism of government's inadequate action

ernment's inadequate action on AIDS as had been pointed out in an op ed piece in the New York Times, and indicated that improvements must be made.

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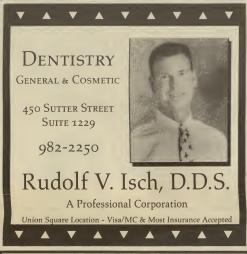
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Community News



Naughty and nice

"Brad" sits on Santa's knee (we hope) at the foot of the Castro Christmas Tree at Castro and 18th streets. This was Saint Nick's first visit to the gay mecca this season.

Remember the Rainbow Zephyr? Travel Agent Apologizes from Jail

by Dennis Conkin

A gay man who advertised and sold luxury railroad travel to the gay march on Washington last spring, then fled with the money without delivering the tickets, has apologized from his jail cell for the

crime.
Sunnyvale, California travel agent Steven Taylor was convicted of embezzlement and other charges after vanishing in early April with almost \$75,000 in cash, all collected from travel and hotel sales for the ten-day luxury trip. Now he says he "never meant" for the trip to fall apart.

"At the present time, I'm doing the first half of my jail sentence in the County of Santa Clara Department of Corrections. After my release date in late December, I'll then have to do five years." then have to do five years probation with restitution due to the victims who lost out on this promotion," Taylor wrote the Bay Area Reporter in a two-page hand-written letter.

"This failed promotion has

"This failed promotion has upset me greatly, as I never meant for it to happen the way it did," he wrote.

Taylor had promised passenger travel on privately owned, rebuilt vintage rail cars — plus all meals, rail and hotel transfers, and other luxury accommodations — for \$900.\$2,500 per person, depending on the type of quarters requested. ters requested.

ters requested.

The ride was to be a leisurely journey from San Francisco along the California Zephyr Feather River route, through Salt Lake and points east, including a stop in Denver for an anti-Amendment 2 rally. The return was to have taken a more southerly route taken a more southerly route through Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains and the desert southwest to California.

Full advance payment was required for the tickets.

But the trip never materialized. After Taylor suddenly announced its cancellation, he emptied his bank accounts, packed his belongings into a U-Haul trailer, and left town.

He was captured shortly thereafter, and extradited from Virginia.

Taylor says that his apology is sincere — and that he had not contacted the Santa Clara County Adult Probation Department about it.

Travel Agents International, a Sunnyvale firm with which Taylor was formerly associated, is currently the defendant in a number of lawsuits regarding the failed promotion.

Rob Roscher of Passport Rob Roscher of Passport To Leisure, a gay-owned and operated travel firm, told the B.A.R. shortly after Taylor fled with the cash that he believed Taylor got in over his head, and "when things start-ed to fall apart, he couldn't cope and made an irrational decision."

Passengers who booked through Passport to Leisure received no cost air travel and accommodations to Washington for the historic march, but passengers who booked independently received no such assistance.

Emporium Moves To Strike Gay Protections; Union Calls Boycott

by Dennis Conkin

The union that represents lesbian and gay workers at the Emporium stores on Mar-ket Street and at Stonestown ket Street and at Stonestown Mall won't be able to help members who have been vic-tims of anti-gay job bias any longer, if Emporium manage-ment has its way. Carter Hawley Hale, the Emporium's parent company, wants to eliminate union rep-resentation of workers' bias grievances from the workers

grievances from the workers

Bill Fiore, a vice president of Local 101 of the United Food and Commercial Workers, told the Bay Area Reporter that an estimated 15 percent of the Union's overall membership is gay and that many Emporium workers many Emporium workers would be affected by the pro-

posed change.

UFCW has the distinction of being the first union in the United States to have a clause in its union contracts giving it

in its union contracts giving it the right to represent workers who claim discrimination.

The clause pertaining to lesbians, gays, and bisexuals was added to the non-discrimination language of the contract in 1990. The clause previously gave the union the right to represent workers' grievance claims of discrimination based on race, color, creed, national original, age, sex, and disability.

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"Why would they want to do this in 1993 in San Francisco? This is one of the major issues we are bargaining about. It's just so out of touch with times," Fiore told the B.A.R.

A boycott of the the store

has been underway for more than a month, and Fiore said that employees would strike over the issue if necessary.

"The Union represents a very large number of gay and lesbian employees at the Emporium stores in downtown San Francisco and at Stones-town. The union cannot and will not give back these pro-tections. In doing so, we would turn the clock back to legalized racism, sexism, [and] homophobia," said union rep-resentative Christopher

CHH has defended its proposal to eliminate the union's representation of employee bias grievances, claiming that sufficient remedies are already included in local, state, and federal anti-discrimination laws.

Uribe Goes to War in San Jose

Project 10 Founder Shares Vision for Lesbian and Gay Youth

by Marv. Shaw

Gay education pioneer Virginia Uribe told a rapt December 3 audience of about 100, gathered at the Billy De Frank Lesbian and Gay Community Center in San Jose, about the incention develop. about the inception, develop-ment, present status, and hoped-for future of Project 10, a program she originated at Fairfax High School in Los Pairfax High School in Los Angeles. Essentially a counseling program for gay, lesbian, and bisexual youngsters, Project 10 was started in 1984 as a support group and has since evolved to a network of similar groups at 30 high schools in Los Angeles. It is Uribe's hope that eventually all 50 high schools there will have the program.

Asked to explain what exactly the program does for the kids, Uribe replied, "First, it tells them that they are not

the kus, Oribe replied, First, it tells them that they are not alone as gay people. It affirms their worth and dignity as human beings and that they are not what homophobic people

not what homophobic people judge them to be."

Uribe lauded the educators in the L.A. schools who have become facilitators for satelite groups of gay kids. "They are not all gay or lesbian themselves," she pointed out, "but they care enough to serve without pay on a volunteer basis to help these kids. They must take training for the task and sometimes entered in the serve without pay on a volunteer basis to help these kids. the task and sometimes en-dure hostility."

Over 200 youth at confab

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A high point for Uribe occurred last month when the first Gay and Lesbian Youth Conference was held at Occidental College. Over 200 teenagers and young adults attended, even though publicity was carefully limited to reduce the possibilities of antagonistic response. Billed primarily as an employment information day, the conference involved specific sessions on getting a job as a gay person. Uribe emphasized the larger goal of support and personal empowerment had been definitely achieved; the intention now is to make it an annual now is to make it an annual

nitely achieved; the intention now is to make it an annual event.

Uribe said she is thankful that the Los Angeles Board of Education has been consistently supportive of efforts to help lesbian and gay youth. One example of that support is the establishment of the Eagle Center, a continuation high school similar to New York's Harvey Milk High, for lesbian and gay adolescents at risk of dropping out of school and living on the street. Under Project 10's aegis the Eagle Center has matured enough to have its first graduating class. And although there were only three students who got diplomas in 1993, Uribe reported, they have all restored their lives and will go on to higher education.

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Uribe said another produc-tive outgrowth of the board's tive outgrowth of the board's support has been the origination of the Gay and Lesbian Education Commission as an adjunct advisory group to the board. The commission has 28 members, in equal parts appointed by the board and chosen by the membership. According to Uribe, its main task is to eradicate problems that exist within the larger that exist within the larger educational setting.

The attacks on Project 10 The attacks on Project 10 by right wing groups such as the Traditional Values Coalition, headed by the so-called Reverend Lou Sheldon, have been a nagging continuing problem for Uribe — and potentially for the youths she tries to protect. At one point in 1988, TVC lobbied for the passage of a legislative resolution that would have cut off all state financial aid to the Los Angeles School District all state financial aid to the Los Angeles School District as long as it allowed Project 10 to continue. The effort failed, but Uribe pointed out that it is a gruesome example of how far the right wing will go to squelch such efforts.

Early in Project 10's development, Uribe recalled, an enthusiastic supporter gave her a check. Hesitant to simply deposit it with the school

ner a check. Hesitant to sim-ply deposit it with the school district, Uribe instead con-ceived of a parallel organiza-tion, Friends of Project 10, which was established as a which was established as a non-profit entity to help the project in ways not financed by the school district. The result has been the production of the Project 10 Handbook, which has been made available throughout the country. Three thousand have been distributed. It is also available in Spanish.

The result of the hard

in Spanish.

The result of the hard work is that similar programs have been set up across the country. One, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, is called Project 10 East; another has recently been launched in Richmond, Virginia.

Within Los Angeles schools, Friends of Project 10 has allied with the librarians for the purchase of gay- and lesbian-oriented books for the collections. Uribe told the crowd that 90 percent of the librarians have cooperated.

Ammiano and Gogin, too

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Uribe and fellow gay educators Tom Ammiano, President of the San Francisco Board of Education, and Kevin Gogin, director of support services for gay and lesbian youth in San Francisco, appeared in two meetings of a convention of the California School Board Members Association that was held in San ciation that was held in San Jose the same weekend. "The table talk I gave was packed standing room only," Uribe reported.

reported.
"The panel on which Tom Ammiano and Kevin Gogin participated was also well-attended," she went on. "The main goal was to make the adults comfortable so that the kids could be comfortable.

adults comfortable so that the kids could be comfortable. Too often, school board members think of us as people from another planet.

"One of our main objectives now," Uribe stated, "is to go into the middle schools with age-appropriate materials and establish positive attitudes."

Gogin is working on a sim-

Gogin is working on a similar project for the San Francisco schools, where there are programs in place now, already operating in the high schools. He looks to Uribe as schools. He looks to Uribe as an inspiration and early adviser. "When I was selected for this job, the first thing I did was to go to L.A. and talk with Virginia, who told me, 'Hang on. You're in for a bumpy ride."

Gozin sees teacher training.

Gogin sees teacher training as key, with development of curriculum and supportive

policies extending all through-out all grades of the system. Gogin demonstrated how so-phistication starts early in childhood by citing these questions from his five-year-old daughter: "Where are all the gay and lesbian kids? There are all these gay and lesbian adults, but where do they come from?"

lesbian adults, but where do they come from?"

The strength for developing programs such as Project 10 must come, at least in part, from school boards, and at the meeting it was demonstrated that such power already exists. Members of boards were present from districts such as Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Mateo County, Santa Clara County, and the Evergreen College District.

Cortines castigated

Wiggsy Sivertsen, San Jose State professor and longtime gay activist in the South Bay, introduced Uribe at the meetintroduced Uribe at the meeting. In her introduction, Sivertsen castigated Ramon Cortines, the former San Francisco Superintendent of Schools, who abandoned the Rainbow Coalition in the New York schools when he went to that city as its new superintendent.

A donation of \$10 had been asked for the event, with some of that money going to Friends of Project 10, and some staying with the Billy De Frank Center Youth

and some staying with the Billy De Frank Center Youth Program. Christine Schmidt,



Virginia Uribe

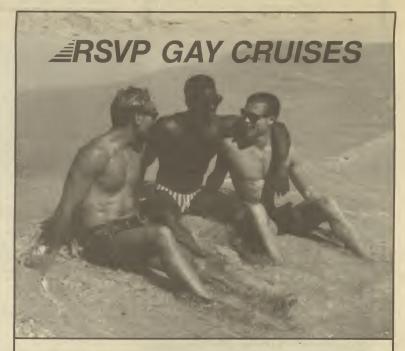
the program director for the center, said that the member-ship of the youth group would decide whether the money would be used to provide more space, subscriptions to periodicals, or for out-

Asked what was the most important thing that anyone in education could do to help gay and lesbian youth in such programs as Project 10, Uribe

replied, "Come out of the closet! Come out and speak up for gay and lesbian youth, who are showing great courage themselves."

who are showing great courage themselves."

Then, responding to distorted representations and exaggerations spread through such right wing propaganda as the *Gay Agenda* video, Uribe asserted, "We are at war — and there's no room for conscientious objectors!"



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Editorial

Where is the Ministering?

Last weekend CNN aired a report on young people in Albanian hospitals, who live in worse conditions than we can describe; one image of a shivering and naked teen, his backside literally covered with swarming bugs, will stay with us forever, as indelible as the photos of the Kent State massacre and the naked Vietnamese girl running through a blazing Hell.

When that story was over it was replaced by others, including one about how half a San Francisco family died when someone set fire to the vehicle in which they were living, and Polly Klaas, and — well, you get the idea. Even with the holiday ads, it was woefuly clear once again that this is a world that needs — as corny as it sounds — a lot of love and help. But help from humans seems to be in short supply these days. It seems amazing that in 1993, a year of floods and famines and droughts and storms and earthquakes and war, in this time of strife and toil, so many ministers have turned away from

It seems amazing that in 1993, a year of floods and famines and droughts and storms and earthquakes and war, in this time of strife and toil, so many ministers have turned away from ministering just when it is needed most. So many who could help make life better for those unfortunate Albanian patients, and the rest of the hungry and naked around this planet, have abandoned their posts to take up lucrative jobs marketing hate. Is there so little for Lou Sheldon to do; is Eugene Lumpkin's list of objectives so completed; is the world around David Innis so impeccable; that they have nothing better to do than spread fear, ignorance, and loathing? What world are they living in? From where we stand, we see more than enough of all three, and as we recall, it is their job to try to heal.

As you read these words, the world's civility is crumbling and its inhabitants are dying. People are being infected, and not just with HIV. Snipers are shooting children trying to carry home the daily bread, and not just in Bosnia. Bombers kill strangers who might hold opposing views, and not just in Northern Ireland. The greedy starve the needy, and not just in Somalia. Leaders live in luxury while enormous segments of the population live in squalor, and not just in the U.S.A.

All these problems are worldwide; all are getting worse; and somewhere in Albania, that shivering boy needs America's ministers to get off the "family values" bandwagon — now — and start leading by example. The question is, will they?

Will the Sheldon, Lumpkin, and Innis finally start assuming the roles of peacemaker, feeder, and clother? Probably not, we regret to say, because that would be much harder work for them than their present jobs. Still, this is the season when they might consider it, particularly if they hear from you that you care. There is so much to be done; won't you drop them a line to ask how many lives they have saved? We're sure they'll appreciate your taking an interest in their work.

(Incidentally, fundamentalist forces are in the world

(Incidentally, fundamentalist forces are in the world's trouble spots now, but to give zealous — some would say fascist — literature, rather than clothing and food. We don't think that's helping, and we doubt that it plays too well with their Boss. Don't be fooled, if you hear about fundies' outreach to Eastern Europe, into believing they are missionaries. Many are thugs.) The address of a hangout for all three of the above "ministers," and where you can write them to ask how they are easing the suffering of this world, is:

Hamilton Square Baptist Church
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Then, as long as you have your pen out, you might want to write checks to a few of your favorite charities, just to show you aren't hypocritical and that you do care about the rest of

the citizens of this planet.

Donations also make excellent holiday gifts for many folks, especially parents, who usually take the news they aren't get-ting tangible presents well: they generally consider a donation in their name to be a sign of maturity, which it is. And de-pending upon the charity of your choice, it can even be a way to come out of the closet: giving a card that says "In your name a donation of \$250 has been made to Gay and Lesbian Amer-icans" or whatever might be an exciting your to beach the icans. icans," or whatever, might be an exciting way to break the ice.

Then, if you're still in a writing mood, write an adult version of the letters you once wrote Santa. Make up a list, as long as you like, of the civil rights you want and mail it to the White House. Its address is 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20500. Santa still might not give you everything you want, but he sure won't give you anything you need if he doesn't even know what's on your list.



Guest Opinion

Ya Know What's Unacceptable?...

In a recent B.A.R. guest opinion about unsafe sex practices, ("It's Not Acceptable, in 1993...," Issue 47) Joe Fera and Wayne Blankenship of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation did their best to make it appear that we are our brothers' keepers—or, rather, jailers. What they missed was the notion of consenting adults—a liberty some of us have fought tooth-and-nail to achieve for the past 40 years. Somehow, Fera and Blankenship forgot that when two men fuck, whether safely or unsafely, the issue is—or should be—about consent. Did one consent to being fucked without a

ly, the issue is — or should be — about consent. Did one consent to being fucked without a condom? He may be a fool, but he is still more to be envied than the man who wants to consent, but is denied that right by the sex police. As an old Libertarian principle says, "Without the freedom to be wrong you have no freedom

the freedom to be wrong you have at all."

Without the right to say "yes," the right to say "no" becomes irrelevant — and Fera & Blankenship are doing their damnedest to take away a man's right to control his own body. That's about as totalitarian an approach to changing sexual habits as I've ever heard, equivalent to the idea of forcibly tattooing HIV-positive men on their butts. I, for one, won't stand for it — and for once, I don't care who calls me a spreader of disease. There are worse things I could be called — like, for instance, a "Public Health Official."

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"Public Health Official."

Three "tough questions" are posed in the piece: "Who decides — and enacts — risk reduction community norms in public/private places? Who's responsible for what, and for whom? And how do we reach individual and community consensus?" From the perspective of someone who believes in individual responsibility, they are ludicrously obvious. Each person must decide for himself, is responsible for himself, and his own behavior; and the concept of self, and his own behavior; and the concept of community consensus is clearly a joke — although I am certainly part of the community, the chances of my ever seeing eye-to-eye with social planners like these two are nil. (I decline

social planners like these two are nil. (I decline to posit a means to reach the oxymoronic "individual consensus.")

And there's another interesting subject that few people address: that of infection. When you see two men having "unsafe" sex (a term to be used cautiously, because it means something different to almost everyone) it's ludicrous to assume that one is infecting the other. Both parties might be negative; or maybe both are positive, have discussed the issue, and feel comfortable with whatever "risk" to which they may be exposing themselves. (And just what constitutes that "risk," no one seems willing or able to express, except in muttered spec-

what constitutes that "risk," no one seems willing or able to express, except in muttered speculation about the dangers of "re-infection.")

Some will condemn this behavior as "irresponsible," because it demonstrates a lack of regard for sensitive sero-negatives; when I hear this sort of virus-envy, I want to puke. Thanks, but the right and responsibility to modulate our own levels of risk is one that every person needs to take for him- or herself.

I am confident that there are many dedicated volunteers and paid staff at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation who believe in nothing so

co AIDS Foundation who believe in nothing so sincerely as finding real solutions to the prob-lem of AIDS. Blankenship and Fera, however, lem of AIDS. Blankenship and Fera, however, sound much more like the sorts who are intent on establishing a power-base from which they can continue to operate after the epidemic is over. That is what they (in collusion with the 'Public Health Department') are doing: making sex into a power issue, with guess-who as the arbiters of what may and may not be done.

And frankly, I don't want them, or any of their like in any positions of power over our

their ilk, in any positions of power over our sex lives. If we allow that, we might find that we have no sex lives left.

[The author is the editor of STEAM mag-azine.]

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Lowell High Propagates Intolerance

The following letter was sent to Mr. Paul Cheng, Principal, Lowell High School, 1101 Eucalyptus Drive, San Francisco, 94132:

I am the parent of a Lowell High School student and was extremely alarmed by the attached note from the Lowell staff which was brought home yesterday.

Mr. Cheng, we are a gay household of two commit-ted men raising a teenage girl who attends your school. Another one of our children graduated from

your school two years ago.

The content of the note is profoundly offensive and prejudicial. Allowing students to be absent from coursework, in this case a Family Life Education class, due to the personal convictions of them and/or their families, is propelling the San Francisco School District in discriminators realizing.

District into discriminatory policies.

I question, Mr. Cheng, what the outcry would be if you asked parents to decide if their sons and daughters you asked parents to decide if their sons and daughters should be exempt from class due to discomfort with the teaching of the cultural aspects of the Asian, African-America, religious or other communities. What about the teaching of evolution in Biology? This is the level of the question you have posed to parents. It seems apparent that the entirety of the issue revolves around "homosexuality," with some careful insertion of "other topics." Is it correct that parents have "convictions" against the discussion of "cancer" or "nutrition?" Can you imagine the student, like my daughter.

victions" against the discussion of "cancer" or "nutrition?" Can you imagine the student, like my daughter, or even moreso a gay or lesbian student struggling with their identity, having to take this note home? In essence, Lowell High School is proogating intolerance, along with fostering the repercussions of violence and other forms of abuse. If parents are uncomfortable with the discussion of certain communities, there are any number of private or alternative schools which will exclude such discussion and information.

San Francisco is a diverse community of which the

San Francisco is a diverse community of which the gay and lesbian community is an integral part. I would expect the San Francisco Unified School District to expect the San Francisco Unified School District to strictly enforce the teaching and understanding of that diversity, with resect, to all students. I appreciate the attempt to be sensitive, however, this approach is not within reason. It deprecates the home in which my child lives.

I firmly request that you immediately retract this questionnaire and issue a statement that all students will be required to learn the total coursework of the Family Life Education program, including the discussion of homosexuality. I think you owe it to your students, the gay and lesbian community and our city.

Thomas C. Brutting

The "notice:"

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your son/daughter is currently enrolled in Family Life Education, a nine week course. As the title would suggest, the topics concerning Human Sexuality and suggest, the topics concerning ruman Sexuality and Health in general will be covered. We have a number of outside speakers for reenforcement of subject materials. Some of the speakers will cover: homosexuality (presentation of the Gay community), suicide prevention, child abuse, cancer, nutrition, etc.

If you have any objections or wish to excuse your

child from participating in any part of the aforemen-tioned areas that conflicts with religious, moral or per-sonal convictions, please make that request in writing and send it to the Principal, Mr. Cheng. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter

That's The Way It Is, Baby!

About the C.U.A.V. Community Watch column published in your Nov. 18 issue ...
Whoever wrote this column (and unsigned — why?)

Whoever wrote this column (and unsigned — why?) is under the spell of a form of foggy thinking that is becoming more and more widespread recently. It has been formulated into a take-it-as-gospel doctrine by those doyens of the wild-eyed-feminist fringe, Catherine Mackinnon and Andrea Dworkin.

The doctrine? That insulting, hurtful, or "aussaultive" (sic) speech or written or photographic expression is in itself actual violence, and therefore should be subject to legal penalties. Your anonymous author wrote "Being called bitch, cunt, whore are all violent... incidents."

author wrote "Being called bitch, cunt, whore are all violent ... incidents."
Well, they may well be violently upsetting incidents to the women (or men!) who are targeted. But it is nonetheless not accurate to call such insults "violent". And although we might wish it otherwise, there is no guarantee — legal or otherwise — that any human being is going to be able to go through life without ever being the subject of verbal abuse and insults. That's the way it is, baby, hate speech laws or no!

Besides, it is a very small step, already being urged by some, from the outlawing of verbal insults to the forbidding of pornography and proscriptions of nega-

forbidding of pornography and proscriptions of nega-tive comments about bigotted (sic) — or other — reli-gious beliefs. Both of these steps are currently being

Unless we are eager to give up all of our hard-won freedom as queers, homos, dykes, fairies, whatever, it is important to keep clear in our minds the difference between verbal insults and real physical violence. To advocate controls on speech—even insulting speech - is to threaten our own freedom. Or do we prefer not to be insulted?

> Marshall Cason Guerneville, CA

CUAV Critique

The article, "Queer Bashing: Different Realities for Lesbians and Gay Men" (B.A.R., Nov. 18) is a perfect example of the approach routinely used by feminist

example of the approach routinely used by feminist writers in the gay press: exaggerate one side of an issue, censor the other side and present opinion as fact. The anonymous feminist official who wrote it spent the entire piece "explaining" why lesbians suffer more from gay bashings than gay men, even though well over three times as many gay men are attacked. The feminist activist community has long hated the thorn of truth in its side that gay men are victims of anti-gay assault many times more often than lesbians. This truth undermines the feminist myth that women are victims of violence more than men — thus underare victims of violence more than men - thus undermining the feminist myth that women suffer more than men. And if people don't believe that women suf-fer more than men, the whole concept of patriarchy

fer more than men, the whole concept of patriarchy goes out the window.

At every turn, these people have tried to cover up or explain away this confounding little piece of reality. Now this habit has become the guiding "philosophy" of the primary community agency dealing with anti-gay violence. This is very destructive.

The CUAV official "informs" us that women report violences less than men, that women are victims of violence more than men and that gay men feel more comfortable in the world than lesbians. She also "educates" us on how misogyny is as bad or worse than anti-male homophobia and that a woman being called a bitch on the street is in the same category as called a bitch on the street is in the same category as a gay man getting assaulted by a chain-wielding gay

Even though gay men are already much less likely than lesbians to report anti-gay attacks, the entire article is essentially a cynical call to lesbians to file even more assault reports to CUAV. This, of course, would skew the statistics further in their favor and cover over the challenge that the greater number of male victims of violence presents to feminist dogma

Fact: men are enculturated and expected to take it Fact: men are enculturated and expected to take it like a man and not complain about being hurt. Men report violence less. Fact women are enculturated and expected to remove themselves from harms way and to complain about being hurt. Women report violencemore. Fact: three times as many men as women are murdered. Fact: at least twice as many men are robbed or assaulted. Fact: male rape in prison (and out) is vastly more common than the public cares to learn about and academia or government care to address. Fact: husbands are battered as often and as severely as wives but, unlike women, basically never report

ly as wives but, unlike women, basically never report it to the police. Fact: false accusations of female rape are far more widespread than most people can are 1ar more widespread than most people can stomach admitting to or any politician can dare confront. Fact: The ratio of boys sexually molested to girls is 1 to 1.7 and most sexual abusers of boys are women. Fact: With all this, it's no surprise that three times as many gay men as lesbians commit suicide. Anyone interested in the sources of this data can simply pick up a copy of the FBI's Uniform Crime Report, the U.S. Department of Justice booklet, Report to the Nation on Crime and Justice or even Warren Farrell's best-seller, The Myth of Male Power and discover for them-

seller, The Myth of Male Power and discover for themselves if these sources are reliable.

Society's deep-seated callousness towards violence against men is certainly caused by something and it's not misogyny. Yet CUAV announces to the public that it is committed to the opinion that misogyny is the main problem and that misandry — hatred of mensor to even worth mentioning. If men hate women so much, why do they kill three times as many men? CUAV and the feminists running it must be held accountable. It is urgent that the bias in this agency is

CUAV and the feminists running it must be held accountable. It is urgent that the bias in this agency is challenged. To bury the suffering of male victims of violence behind feminist theory, skewed statistics or omission of fact, is cruel. In doing so, CUAV fails miserably in its mission of providing support for all people who are bashed. Should we support an agency that is failing in its mission? If CUAV is more concerned about violence against lesbians, it does not even deserve the name it has been given. It may be "Against Violence," but it is clearly not a "Community United." nity United."

John Morrison

A Milk Moment

The dual murders of Milk and Moscone to me, is like the Kennedy death. I remember what I was doing and where I was when I heard it over the radio. I was quite shaken by this, realizing that two good men were victims of an act of senseless armed violence. I was not a big Milk supporter, but I knew this man was going places and that in eight years, he would become the next Mayor of San Francisco. Of course, that didn't happen. We got ourselves a woman. The next best thing, I think that San Francisco is ready for another

rong woman. I attended the White Night riots as a spectator and witnessed that it wasn't the gay community doing the damage; that it was the straight teenagers lured by the media to come to City Hall and take over.

I think the Milk Memorial will always be a part of San Francisco history. He helped make it possible for the younger generation to have the freedom that they now take for granted.

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Letters

Clobber Passages

I am responding to the letter submitted by John M. Heath, regarding the response by Christian gay people to the ongoing homophobia from many in Fundamentalist organizations.

Thank you for pointing out that as born-again Chris tians we must stand up in the face of this incredible perversion of The Lord Jesus Christ, and tell our community that indeed they are most deeply loved by the munity that indeed they are most deeply loved by the very God who has been so grossly misrepresented to them. Messrs. Sheldon, Innes, McIllheney, Robertson, Lumpkin, et al, speak for themselves and their organizations. They do not speak for the Biblical Jesus Christ. Neither do they speak for the multitude of those who have looked long and hard at the so-called "clobber passages", coming to the clear understanding that those scriptures have absolutely nothing to do with homosexuality as we know it to be. Though their actions and words are responsible for any number of suicides, mental illness and emotionally ber of suicides, mental illness and emotionally traumatized lives, we do not hate those who condemn us. In Christ, (and only by His grace!) my prayer is "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they

I am a member of Freedom In Christ Evangelical Church in San Francisco, a bible-believing Christian Fellowship welcoming all people. Our salvation is based on accepting the free gift of life in Jesus Christ, not on sexual orientation. We are seriously looking at the proposals contained in your letter and hope to be able to become a more credible and practical witness of Christ's love in the City of San Francisco.

> Bill Byrd San Francisco

Bigots A No-Show

The following letter was faxed to the San Francisco Examiner:

Concerning the statement "A Call for Justice and Compassion for Poor and Homeless People" that was presented to Mayor Jordan on Tuesday, Nov. 23 by the Bay Area religious commuity "Religious Witness With Homeless People", it is interesting to note that none of the Christian "leaders" that staged the confrontation with the gay and lesbian community at the Nov. 8 Board of Supervisors meeting are involved in, or signed the statement which proclaims that: "as a

or signed the statement without proclaims that: as a people of faith, we stand with our poorest neighbors — not against them ... It is the stand of mercy."

Where were Lou Sheldon, Eugene Lumpkin, David Innes, Ray Kwong, David McIllhenny and the others who invaded the Board chambers when it came time to "walk the talk" and stand with the homeless? Why didn't the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) do story; about the unjust wire from the Bay Area reliable. a story about the united voice from the Bay Area religious community who call for "justice and compassion in public policies affecting poor and homeless

Sheldon and his followers are not concerned with the hungry, the stranger, the poor and homeless. Their witness is to a message of hate and exclusion while the true religious leaders of the Bay Area witness to a message of inclusion and love. As a gay Christian, I am proud to stand with the "Religious Witness With Homeless People.

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A Few Amenities

As you are well aware, years of repeated budget cuts have made it increasingly difficult to obtain basic equipment, not considered vital to patient care. As a result, our patients and their families sit in our lounge on couches that are stained and torn and our staff meet in the conference room on chairs that have springs pro-truding, making it very uncomfortable.

In particular, the following are needed (and because of the high volume usage, we need new, rather than used equipment):
Two 5-drawer file cabinets (letter size) 28½ inch

deep for storage of patient educational materials.

One 36-inch wide file cabinet (5 drawers) with a lock

One leather couch (3-person) for the patient/visitor

One leather couch (3-person) for the patient/visitor lounge.

Ten conference room chairs for staff room.

Over the years, the few amenities we have been able to offer our patients have come from the generosity of the community. We hope that someone may be able to respond to these requests. If so, please contact the head nurse of Ward 5A, San Francisco General Hospital at (415) 206-3260. Many thanks for your continued support. support

> Diane Jones, RN, Head Nurse Ward 5A, SF General Hospital San Francisco

Write to 'B.A.R.

Shanti Since-Corrected

There was a notable omission in Angela Bocage's otherwise informative front-page article on AIDS agencies needing volunteers (11/14). Shanti Project was not mentioned. This is particularly puzzling because earlier in the month, we issued a news release on our earlier in the month, we issued a news release on our urgent need for volunteers to serve a growing number of clients. We also need to replace an unusually large number of volunteers who have left the agency since last spring, in the wake of negative publicity about since-corrected fiscal problems.

Mainstream and other gay news media covered our appeal. As a result, we have had numerous inquiries from potential volunteers, but we need more. With a waiting list of about 50 clients, our need for volunteers remains high.

remains high

During October, volunteers coordinated by Shan-ti's Volunteer Services Department provided 766 clients with more than 8,400 hours of one-on-one support. Those figures don't include volunteers in our Crossings Program, which serves people with HIV disease in the Tenderloin and Mission neighborhoods.

disease in the renderion and wisson negligible to the single of the fiscal difficulties that surfaced last spring and have since been corrected. They deserve lots of thanks and praise from the community. The work they do makes a difference in their clients'

All AIDS agencies in San Francisco, including Shanti, need volunteers to carry on their important missions. If your readers would like to help, they should phone us at 777-2273.

> Joe Healy, Director Volunteer Services, Shanti Project San Francisco

Ed. Note: There was not a notable omission; there were dozens of worthwhile organizations that didn't get mentioned, but only because of limited space. As you stated, Shanti got more mainstream coverage about its volunteer needs than some of the smaller we did focus on. Exclusion did not equal op

Silence = Gebbie

The following letter was sent to Kristine Gebbie, Coordinator, Office of National AIDS Policy, Washington, D.C.:

When the President announced that he would be appointing a National AIDS Policy Coordinator, I, like many others, cheered long and hard. I can only imagine that this job is a difficult if not a thankless one. As you aptly said at the time you were appointed to this important post, the position is one that deals with sex, money and death. Three very difficult issues. However, I am now very disgruntled and disappointed. It was my hope that you would take your position and use it as a bully pulpit to educate the public and to keep AIDS awareness heightened. Since your appointment, I have heard nothing from you, about

appointment, I have heard nothing from you, about you, or the work that you are doing. If it was not for Surgeon General Elders, this administration would be in the same dark recesses of silence that the former

two administrations had been.

I have been infected with the AIDS virus for more than six years, I am healthy and, God willing, I will remain so. Over the past five years, I have also been advocating for people with AIDS and their loved ones as a counselor for Shanti Project in San Francisco. So AIDS and AIDS politics are not new to me. I have seen what havoc has been wrought by inaction and mute robblic efficiency. public officials.

Where are you Ms. Gebbie? What are you doing? The New York Times, The San Francisco Chronicle and The San Francisco Examiner have been virtualand The Sain Francisco Examiner have been Virtually silent about your work. Are these newspapers and I missing something or are you remaining silent because it is safe for both you and the President? It may be safe for you, but inaction is not safe for me or the millions of other loyal Americans infected

with HIV. Please remember: "SILENCE = DEATH."

Randolph P. E. Allgaier San Francisco

Sweater Oueen

What has happened to the gay community? Once prided ourselves on dressing better than anyone — certainly better than straights!

certainly better than straights!

Now, just take a look: when was the last time you saw a well-dressed man sauntering down Castro Street? Chances are, you can't remember!

Torn jeans, unwashed t-shirst (sic), raggedy flannel shirts, boots fit for wading through toxic waste; doesn't anyone look in the mirror before they leave home?

Gay pride is all very well, but a nice cashmere sweater shows you care!!!

Benjamin A. Ahard

Ed. Note: Care for what?

Wayne Friday

Clinton's "War" on AIDS

hough some gays and lesbians who support-ed candidate Bill Clinton last Novem-per over a man who had absolutely no interest in our community will tell you that the No. 1 issue they feel he's failed on is gays in the mili-tary, most activists believe that his biggest failure to date

that his biggest failure to date is not doing enough to fight the AIDS plague. I agree.

Although I don't belittle the importance of the gays/lesbians/military issue, the simple fact is that I don't know a hell of a lot of gays and lesbians who want to make a career out of the military, whereas I know far too many people who will probably die of AIDS. In other words, given my druthers, folks, I'd prefer to see the White House focus on finding an answer, in particular a white House focus on finding an answer, in particular a "cure," for those already infected with the virus. We are told that a vaccine is not in the foreseeable future, so the immediate goal must be to treat PWAs so that we can at least keep them alive long enough to "live with" the disease.

ease.

When President Clinton, along with millions of people around the world, observed World AIDS Day Wednesday, he gave some of us hope that maybe—just maybe—he was ready to tackle this hideous disease with a variety of the people with a presence and the second seco ready to tackle this hideous disease with a vengeance not seen before. While giving a speech at Washington's Georgetown University Medical Center, Clinton was heckled by an AIDS activist for not doing enough. He listened respectfully to the activist, who accused the president of "forgetting" about his campaign promise of a Manhattan Project to fight the disease paign profiles of a Mathiattan Project to fight the disease and of ignoring recommenda-tions by the National Com-mission on AIDS "while me and my community are dying

and my community are dying in ever increasing numbers." The president declared he "understood" the heckler's frustrations. A Ronald Reagan or a George Bush would have had the guy thrown out. Indeed, candidate Bill Clinton did promise a "Manhattan Project" approach to the epidemic while running for the presidency last year, a reference to the U.S. project of the '40s to develop an explosive device based on nuclear fission that led to the atomic device based on nuclear fission that led to the atomic bomb. As one AIDS activist recently put it, "Surely, if the government could do that to build a weapon of destruction, it should find a cure for a disease that affects 15 million people worldwide."

Seemingly spurred on by this year's World AIDS Day theme, "Time to Act," the president told his Georgetown audience that while he defended his administration's

defended his administration's commitment to fighting AIDS, he recognizes that more must be done. Clearly, President Clinton realized that dimming the lights of the White House for 15 minutes once a year and having the Postal Department issue an AIDS stamp is nowhere near enough in the fight against a disease that has already killed more than 200,000 Americans

more than 200,000 Americans and has infected at least an additional one million more.

Although I have consistently criticized this president for not following up on his campaign promises, I would admit that — with increased AIDS funding, the eventual



SF lesbian Latina Supervisor Susan Leal holds the first fundraiser of her re-election campaign on Thursday, December 9, 6-8 p.m., at Trader Vic's, 20 Cosmo Place. For more info call Anne Anderson Busch at (415) 495-4910.

appointment of AIDS "czar" Kristine Gebbie (for whatever that's worth), and a health care reform plan that promises coverage for uninsured AIDS patients — Bill Clinton is light years ahead of his two Republican predecessors, Ronald Reagan and George Bush. Last week Clinton also used World AIDS Day to announce that a new panel has been ordered to speed up the development of AIDS drugs in the hopes that many of in the hopes that many of

Commentary

those now carrying the virus might be given the chance to live a longer life.

Funding? Yes, the Clinton administration has increased research funding by 21 percent to \$1.3 billion (treatment dollars, known as the Ryan White Care Act, are up 66 percent to \$579 million; prevention money is up 9 percent to \$543 million). But hell, I clearly remember Nancy Pelosi, running for Congress against Harry Britt years ago, promising that with all her D.C. contacts, she would instantly get the feds up to \$3 billion a year.

billion a year.

Bill Clinton is more sympathetic about and under-standing of AIDS than was George Bush, but that in itself says very little. Bush ignored the epidemic because he the epidemic because he probably figured it would eventually kill off all homosexuals and he didn't need them anyway. Is Bill Clinton finally doing enough? Of course not. At a time when AIDS seems to be fading from public consciousness as a "priority," we need a lot more leadership on this issue from a president whose camfrom a president whose cam-paign raised our hopes and expectations.

Bill Clinton, based on his comments last week, seemed to be getting the message when he said, "We are mar-shaling our efforts, but there shaling our efforts, but there must be other things we can do." There are, Mr. President, there are — many things, and a million infected Americans are waiting for you to get moving. Every time I visit a friend at Coming Home Hospice (a place filled with wonderful caregivers), I want to go home and make one more phone call to the White House. For some reason I cannot explain, I am beginning to feel that this president, this Bill Clinton, truly does care and honestly feels the urgency of this problem. I hope I am not mistaken.

Politics and people

If polls mean anything (and I'm always suspicious when the person paying for the poll does well), School Board President Tom Ammiano could win a seat on the Board of Supes next year, and with Susan Leal and Carle Migdan hopefully keep. role Migden hopefully keep-ing theirs, the community would be back up to where it should be on that legislative

In Arkansas, the president's home state, Lieutenant Governor Mike Huckabee, a Governor Mike Huckabee, a Republican, has asked for an attorney general's opinion on the legality of a 10th-grade AIDS prevention course. Huckabee, also a Southern Baptist minister, argues that

Huckabee, also a Southern Baptist minister, argues that such a class would portray the gay lifestyle as "acceptable." Meanwhile, more and more teenagers (even in Arkansas, Mr. Lieutenant Governor) are being infected. And in Texas, another hotbed of progressivism, the state Republican Party officially praised those Williamson County commissioners who voted against a tax abatement for Apple Computers Inc. because of the company's policy of granting health benefits to partners of gay employees. Apple, meanwhile, says they are now seriously looking for another Southern state to take their plant and its hundreds of well-paying jobs. (Hello, Governor Richards?) well-paying jobs. (Hello, Gov-ernor Richards?)

Look for former Palm

Look for former Palm Springs Mayor Sonny Bono, no friend of the gay community, to officially announce next month that he will become a candidate for the GOP lieutenant governor nomination in next June's primary. State Controller Gray Dayis is expected to be the

mary. State Controller Gray Davis is expected to be the Democratic nominee.

A "tip" for the former president: you lost last November, George, remember? While in Hong Kong speechmaking for Citibank, former President George Herbert Walker Bush reportedly had a quick supper in the Regent Hotel coffee shop. When a reporter for the L.A. Times, seated nearby, asked the wait (Continued on page 15)

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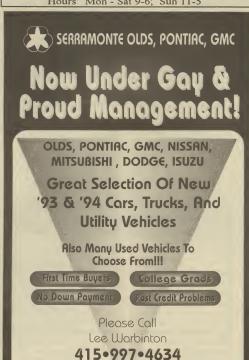
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Diane DiMassa (left) and Stacy Sheehan, creators of everyone's favorite homicidal lesbian ter-rorist, Hothead Paisan (and Chicken), wowed throngs of lesbo admirers gathered at A Differ-ent Light Bookstore Dec. 4 to celebrate the first HH anthology. (Photo: Katherine Murty)

The Joy of Giving

by Rachel Pepper

eing a columnist has eing a columnist has certain advantages, one of which is getting to inflict your (meaning, my) superior taste upon the legions of fags and dykes who turn to you desperately, week after week, seeking spiritual and cultural enlightenment.

enlightenment.

Now, after that lead-in, let me explain my reasons for it.
Since it looks like I'll be off to

Commentary

Toronto again for goddess knows how long, I'm having to write my holiday column well ahead of time. I suppose that's okay — I can get it over with now before you and I both burn out on Christmas

So here it is: every dyke's (or at least this dyke's) top three choices on her wish list for the holidays. Read it, study it, use it. It'll be all you need to shop for just about any lesbian in this city — guaranteed.

Absolute necessity

Absolute necessity

Hothead Paisan: Homicidal Lesbian Terrorist by Diane DiMassa; published by Cleis Press, \$12.95.

I've already got my copy, of course, but the one absolute necessity for any lesbian this year is the new anthology of Hothead Paisan comix. Seems unbelievable, but it's true: Hothead, the little zine with a big bite, has been published long enough now so that the first nine issues have ended up compiled into a ended up compiled into a book format.

In celebration of this, Di-

In celebration of this, Di-ane and her partner Stacy Sheehan, the masterminds be-hind this quarterly comic, were in town last Saturday to stump their message of ama-zon resiliency and schmooze with their fans. Hundreds of dykes filled A Different Light Rockstore to size Heshead's Bookstore to sing Hothead's praises; get their books, zines, and even stomachs signed by Diane; and eat a piece of Chicken Butt cake before heading over to Red Dora's later that night for a slide show. It was just too much

excitement, and as hostess of the event, I think I had more fun than anyone.

If your gift recipient already has the book, spring for a subscription (or extend her a subscription (or extend her current one) to the zine by writing Giant Ass Publishing, P.O. Box 214, New Haven, Connecticut 06502. And remember these cardinal rules of Paisan-ness: If your gal's never heard of Hothead, she will be forever in your debt for the introduction. If she, on the other hand, introduced the other hand, introduced you to Hothead, do not, un-

der any circumstances, ever let this woman go.

Shopping tip No. 1 — What to do if she already has all the HP zines and the book, too? Get her a Hothead Tshirt, of course. Even the most cynic. course. Even the most cynical, crusty dyke secretly longs for one, and there are currently eight different designs to choose from.

I must conclude that the old stereotype about most lesbians being cheap is true.

Lez mag subscription

In my heart of hearts, I never want to believe it, but time and time again, I see the proof. Therefore, I must conclude that the old stereotype about most lesbians being cheap is true.

Now without getting into some huge political discussion about how lesbians make less money than men blah-blah-blah, let me say in my defense that in my years of retail, I have learned many things. And one of them is that the very same dyke who looks at a copy of a lesbian magazine in a bookstore and then throws it down in disgust because it costs \$4 will

think nothing of walking down the street and spending \$10 on cigarettes and a beer in a male-owned bar. Don't even think about arguing with me about this, because

it's true and you all know it.
You can, however, help
break this vicious unsisterly cycle by giving a gift sub-scription to one of the many scription to one of the many fine dyke mags published right here in San Francisco: Girljock, Deneuve, Sinister Wisdom, Ache, or Venus Infers. Whatever a girl's preferences, these days there's something being published just with her in mind, most often by an all-volunteer staff desperate for your dollars. So get out that checkbook, ladies, and give the gift that just

get out that checkbook, ladies, and give the gift that just keeps on coming and coming. Shopping tip No. 2 — If all your prospective honey admits to reading is *TV Guide* and the Sunday paper, your cat's probably more deserving of your company than she is. So stay at home with your pussy, and enjoy your your gift. pussy and enjoy your own gift subscription instead.

Titillating toys

Speaking of gifts that keep on coming, check out Good Vibrations this holiday season. Although certain staffers at Good Vibes have accused me of being anti-sex, this is only because they haven't seen my toy collection. Since my heart is big enough to forgive and forget, or at least forgive and promote, I hereby urge you all to trek on over to 1210 Valencia Street and see what you'd most like to have what you'd most like to have a hand in in exploring with your beloved.

your beloved.

Shopping tip No. 3 —
When shopping for dildos, and in doubt, go for the slightly bigger and more expensive models. There ain't nothing worse than a too-small wiener, girls, especially when it's a fake one and fond of falling out at inopportune moments. moments

moments.
So there you have it, folks. So easy, isn't it, to follow these three simple guidelines for any girl's gift satisfaction? And hey, if they don't like 'em, don't blame me. Next time, pick someone with better taste, will ya?

Happy Holidays!

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What's It Like To Be **HIV-Positive in Prison?**

by Brian Carmichael

[Editor's Note: The author is serving a 25-month prison sentence for assault with a deadly weapon on a peace of-ficer; felony reckless evading ficer, felony reckless evading arrest; and possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine). He was an organizer of the 1992 Hunger Strike at the California Medical [Penal] Facility-Vacaville, and remains an outspoken critic of the Department of Correction's HIV and AIDS policies. He is eligible for parole in November 1994.]

When, and who, should I tell I'm HIV-positive? It's a question that haunts us all, but it's particularly troubling

but it's particularly troubling for me, a state prisoner.

It isn't like I've shared a needle with or had sex with any of these guys (although if I had a condom I ... I digress).

Still, I know eventually, in spite of Proposition 96, they're all bound to find out. I'd just rather they heard it.

they're all bound to find out. I'd just rather they heard it from me than from a hatemonger, ya know?

But when the time came, I was worried, apprehensive. I knew that even with my best efforts to educate my new friends and associates ... and "the homeboys," there would be some who felt some misguided sense of betrayal.

A decision considered

I could already hear them:
"You mean you shared a
cigarette with me and you've
got AIDS?!" An accusation.
"No, hey," I'd say, "you
can't get it from a cigarette,
and besides, I don't have
AIDS, I'm just ... "
"You mean I drank out of
your coffee cup and you're
HIV-positive? What's the matter with you?!"
Knowing me, to cover my
hurt, I'd respond with, "No,
idiot, what's the matter with
you?"
Then there's the risk of I could already hear them:

you?"

Then there's the risk of someone asking me, "So how'd you get it? Shootin' dope?" To which my sense of pride and integrity would require a truthful, forthright answer.

"Maybe. But it's more likely I got it through having unsafe sex with my second lover. He was HIV-positive."
"Whataya mean 'he?' You mess around with queers?"
"No. I mean 'he' like my boyfriend. I mean 'he' like another man. I mean 'he' like I'm queer, too."
"Queer???" they'd ask. "You mean you ..."
"I mean," getting defensive, "I do whatever the fuck I want to!"
The pros and cons of

I want to!"

The pros and cons of telling cons. That's life behind the walls. There's plenty of time to think about what to do, and walls, and how much prison can be like the outside, "free" world. Even out there, it's not easy.

A decision made

I reached my decision after a friend of mine, another "positive" prisoner, asked me if I wanted to read a magazine called *Positively Aware*. He told me if I wanted to subscribe, I could have it mailed to me in a plain brown envelope. I didn't like the sound of that. that.
I thought, as I often do, of



HIV-positive author and inmate Brian Carmichael came out behind bars to his fellow inmates because "I'm not embarrassed, nor ashamed, of who and what I am." (Photo: Jane Philomen Clelan

my first lover. An actor, he once told me that "hypocrisy" is a word that comes from the Greek theatre and means, litoriek theare and means, in-erally, to speak from under a mask. He — who taught me not to be a hypocrite, and helped me discover and de-velop so much — spoke to my

heart again, from his prison

across the state.

I don't need a plain brown envelope. I'm not embarrassed, nor ashamed, of who and what I am. I don't need a mask, and I don't want one. I'm not a plain brown envelope. I'm HIV-positive.▼

Illinois To Deal With AIDS in Prison

United Press International

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CHICAGO — The Illinois Department of Corrections may start a hospice program to care for inmates with AIDS and other terminal illnesses, a report said Monday, December 6. The Chicago Sun-Times said prison officials are considering the move after a new study from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found up to four percent of Illinois inmates have AIDS when they enter prison, and a significant number contract it behind bars.

Prison watchdog group John Howard Association and Lutheran Social Services of Illinois have been meeting with prison officials for two months and hope to open a prison hospice by mid-1994.

Jack Nordgaard, director of prisoner and family ministry for Lutheran Social Services, said the state may set up three hospices to house five to fifteen inmates each. Harry Shuman, Illinois's prison medical director, confirmed he is reviewing the concept, but said the state may not need that many beds.

Very few state prison systems accommodate the terminally ill with such services, but prison experts say as the average age of inmates climbs, there will be more need for special care facilities to handle cancer and heart ailments as well as the growing number of AIDS cases.

The number of AIDS deaths among Illinois prisoners jumped from one in 1984 to 15 last year. State prison officials say at the end of last year, about 120 of the 34,000 Illinois inmates had AIDS and another 378 were infected with HIV.

Some observers call the number of AIDS cases in Illinois prisons "disturbing," and say it should be combatted with condom distribution and segregated cells.

But Illinois prison officials downplay the problem. According to Nic Howell, a Corrections Department spokesman, there was "no rampant AIDS problem in the Illinois correctional system." He said there's "no chance" state prisons will hand out condoms or give inmates individual cells to reduce sexual opportunities behind bars.



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Community News



New HRC member, openly gay Jordan appointee Earl Rynerson (center) shakes hands with Jack Immendorf, director of Parks and Recreation, while Mayor Jordan looks on. Photo: Judi Parks)

Jordan Doesn't Reappoint Wong; Commissioners, Supes Get Upset

by Dennis Conkin

Mayor Frank Jordan's decision last week to not reap-point Lawrence Wong to the Human Rights Commission was criticized by professional politicians at a December 6 press conference in City Hall.

At the Monday press conference, four members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, plus other appointed and elected officials and representatives of gay political clubs — including a coterie of longtime Jordan critics — blasted the mayor's decision.

Wong, who is a gay Chinese man, was replaced by Calvin Louie, a heterosexual who is active in local Chinese-American political circle

Jordan also appointed openly gay Earl Rynerson, a onetime Air Force major and president of the board of directors of San Francisco's Big Brothers and Sisters, to the Commission.

Wong had been vocal in his criticism of Jordan — who originally appointed him to the commission — for the mayor's support of former HRC Commissioner Eugene Lumpkin and veto of a recent immigration resolution sponsored by Supervisor Tom Hsieh.

Wong sponsored a Human Rights Commission resolution supporting the immigration measure by Hsieh that was opposed by Jordan.

Supervisors Angela Alioto and Carole Migden, both of whom are contenders for Jor-dan's seat in the next Mayoral election, appeared at the press conference, along with Supervisors Terence Hallinan and Tom Hsieh. Board of Education president Tom Ammiano, also an expected can-

"No one has a right to be a commissioner in perpetuity.'' — Jordan Press Secretary Noah Griffin

didate for a seat on the Board of Supervisors, and Human Rights Commission Jeanette

Lazam were also present.
"I am not here today to attempt to regain my seat on the Human Rights Commis-sion," Wong told a small crowd of supporters. "I served at the pleasure of the mayor and he has made his decision. We are here today to address the larger issue of the effect of this action on the Human Rights Commission."
Wong said that Jordan's de-

cision not to reappoint him will create an "atmosphere of intimidation" and "have a chilling effect" on the Human

Rights Commission.

Both lesbian Supervisors
Carole Migden and Susan eal expressed support for

Wong.
"We regret that Mayor Jordan fired Commissioner Wong from the Human Rights Commission. Lawrence served with indepen-dence and distinction," said

Migden.

Leal said in a press statement that she was "disappointed" that Wong was not reappointed and said she "strongly shared his concerns"

over Lumpkin and discrimination against immigrants.

Migden is in error, said Jordan spokesman Noah Grif-

fin.
"First of all, Mr. Wong was and he was not reappointed,"
Griffin told the Bay Area Reporter. "No one has a right to be a commissioner in perpetu-

Griffin said that Jordan's decision not to reappoint Wong wasn't based on one or two issues, but that Jordan felt that his choice of Louie to replace Wong "would better perpetuate his agenda."

Griffin also indicated that on hindsight, Wong's appoint-ment to the Commission may

have been a mistake.

"Mistakes are going to be made from time to time, but that doesn't mean you don't rectify them," Griffin said.

Buju 'Boom Boom' **Bounced from BLX**

United Press International

NEW YORK - Officials at WBLS-FM radio station in New York announced Friday, December 4, that violence-oriented rap music will no longer be aired by that station including or its affiliates, including KBLX-AM and FM in Berke-

ley, California.

Joe Carella, a spokesman for the stations' owner, Inner City Broadcasting Corp., cited as one example of a song that would be avoided, rapper Puin Ranton's "Boom Boom Buju Banton's "Boom Boom

Bye Bye," which advocates killing gay men. But he said, "I can't blame one song. There certainly have been a number of them."

The same company owns WLIB-AM in New York and KSJL-FM in San Antonio,

Texas.

WBLS is not the first station in the country to ban recordings that promote violence, but it is one of the biggest, ranked fifth in national Arbitron ratings, Carella caid.

said.
The move comes after At-



Buju Banton

torney General Janet Reno voiced support for three Sen-ate bills seeking to ban televi-sion violence during peak viewing hours for children. Civil libertarians have criti-cized the bills as attempts at cized the bills as attempts at government censorship. ▼

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ACT UP Golden Gate Meetings are Tuesdays, 7pm. 584B Castro. Discuss treatment issues, possible actions and recommendations. 252-9200.

AIDS/HIV Nightline Seeks volunteers to staff phones. Call Rolph or Dave at 752-4866.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & lesbian support group meets Wednesdays, 8-9:30pm at MCC, Room 104, 150 Eureka St. All are welcome.

Alexander Hamilton Post 448 Lesbian & gay veterans in the American Legion meets the third Thursday of each month. 7pm. Room, 202, War Memorial Veterans Building, 401 Van Ness. 431-1413.

Alternative Alcohol Problem Fellowship Tuesdays, 8-9:30pm. 398-6594.

Bay Area Young Positives HIV support group for young people of color. Weekly meetings, activities. Every Wednesday, 7pm. 25 Van Ness, 5th fl. 487-1616.

Brothers Network (Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services) Drop-in support groups, closed groups as well. 625 O'Farrell. 749-6714.

Crossings Program Volunteer Training Provide emotional and practical support for PWAs in the Tenderloin, Mission and SoMa. Help out now. Darnell at Shanti: 777-2273.

Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center 4035 18th St. 255-0700 TDD.

Drama Divas Writing and acting workshops for queer and questioning youth. Saturdays, 1:30-4:30pm, starting Nov. 13. Braval Studio Theater, 2180 Bryant at 20th. 641-7684.

Francis of Assisi Community Subsidized housing facility for mobility-impaired and wheelchair users is now taking waiting list applications for housing. 621-4092 (TT 1-800-755-2929).

Gay Artists & Writers Kollective (GAWK) Writing workshop series led by Ida VSW Red. Free. Dec, 12, 2:30pm. 1841 Market. 731-2424.

Gay & Lesbian Night at Disneyland Hop down to LA for the day when Mickey's fucking Goofy. Proceeds benefit LA's Aid for AIDS. \$30. 8pm-1am. Dec. 17. Odyssey Adventures (818) 362-5505.

GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) Meetings, potlucks, friendship groups. Call 626-7000.

Gay Youth Awareness Training FOCYS, of Peninsula Family YMCA, offers training for educators on gay youth issues. 349-7969.

HIV+ Support & Education Programs Different groups for gay men, women, public education forums, couples, family & friends support group, and socials. All groups meet 6:30-8pm, Mondays & Tuesdays. 235 W MacArthur Blvd., Room 530. 596-6337.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Association Asks gays and lesbians to write to demand the ouster of Judge Buford Parsons, who takes children away from lesbian mothers. Write to: Gov. Douglas Wilder, Office of the Governor, Capitol Building, 3rd Floor, Richmond, VA 23219.

Library Foundation Gay & Lesbian Center Donate time, archives, money, whatever. 220 Montgomery St. Suite 406. 391-5582.

MCC Advent Vespers Services. December 15 & 22 at 7pm. 150 Eureka St. 863-4434.

Parade Committee SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day meeting to decide the theme for the 1994 parade. This is a perfect opportunity for all those griping whiners who hated Year of the Queer to get off their butts and do something. Dec. 12, 5pm. 205 13th St. at Mission. 864-3733.

P-FLAG Paul Yee, of Oakland's P-FLAG, speaks about gay folk in Chinese and Asian families. Dec. 12, 2-4pm. 152 Church at Market. 921-8850.

Safe Sex Video II For guidelines, send SASE with name and address to SF AIDS Foundation, PO Box 426182, SF, CA 94142-6182.

Sex, Religion & Politics Rainbow Fellowship of Lesbian & Gay Concerns hosts a seminar on the three things one shouldn't discuss at a dinner party. Dec. 15, 7:30pm, First Congregational Church, Post & Mason. 392-7461.

Self-Defense Classes Free and every Sunday, 3-4pm, Collingwood Park, 18th & Collingwood in the Castro. 985-7423.

SF AIDS Foundation Seeks volunteers for its telephone hotline, specifically English-speaking and bilingual Filipino and Spanish operators. 864-5855, ext. 2000.

Spectrum Support groups for queer youth, men, women, seniors and more. Weekly meetings. 457-1115.

United in Spirit Interfaith coalition soon-to-be formed to peacefully stop the Religious Right's anti-gay agenda. First meeting in January, but funding and ideas welcome now. First Congregational Church, 432 Mason. 974-

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Community

Warrant Issued For Halloween Bash Suspect

by Dennis Conkin

A warrant for the arrest of a man accused of pulling a knife on a well-known gay activist who works with homeless youth was issued on November 30, after the suspect failed to appear in court for an arraignment on battery charges.

charges.

The bench warrant was issued by the San Francisco Municipal Court after Daniel Brent Naranjo failed to appear at the hearing on the battery charges against Jason Bishop.

Bishop.

Naranjo was charged with the crimes and cited to appear in court following a Halloween incident in the Castro when he allegedly battered Bishop, made anti-gay epithets, and threatened him with a knife.

Naranjo is described as

Naranjo is described as 6'5" tall, weighing 210 pounds, with hazel eyes and brown hair.

Under the bench warrant,

Under the bench warrant, when Naranjo is apprehended by police he will be arrested and required to post \$1,000 bail on the charges.

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Anyone who sees a suspect matching Naranjo's description should not attempt to apprehend the individual, but should instead contact the San Francisco Police Department immediately. ▼

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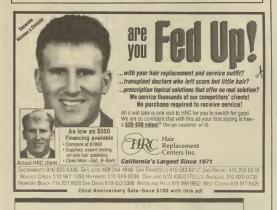
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National News

How To Zap a Church

NY Cathedral Action Raises Consciousness, but no Objections

by Matt Foreman, Esq.

NEW YORK CITY — Two days after the release of Bish-op Thomas V. Daily's anti-gay "Pastoral on Homosexuality," the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project (AVP) held a silent protest in-side a Procklyn cath

(AVP) held a silent protest inside a Brooklyn cathedral during one of Daily's masses to highlight his hypocrisy.
Daily heads the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens, the nation's largest with 1.6 million Roman Catholics. His letter on the subject of homosexuality labeled it "the result of original sin, not normative" and nal sin, not normative" and "ordered toward an intrinsic moral evil." While Daily said discrimination and violence against gay men and lesbians were "deplorable," he emphasized that "laws that seek to protect homosexual activity and the homosexual lifestyle [sic]" are "ultimately a form of injustice and harm to the homosexual and to all human

persons."

Daily also alluded to the New York Board of Education's controversial (and now dismantled) gay-inclusive Rainbow Curriculum, calling it "an immoral affront to the natural rights and dignity of our children."

Daily's letter reflected the

Daily's letter reflected the political positions of a bishop who has actively opposed hate crimes legislation and the gay/lesbian civil rights bill in the state capital, and who has devoted considerable church resources to support-ing school board candidates

ing school board candidates who oppose the Rainbow Curriculum.

It is the position of the AVP that calling people abnormal and evil causes hatred and intolerance of lesbians and gay men, which in turn breeds violence. AVP also believes it is hypocritical to "depolore" violence and discrimination. plore" violence and discrimination while opposing the only civil remedies available to confront it — namely, civil rights legislation, the hate crimes bill, and education in the public schools.

The protest

When the bishop began his homily at St. James Cathedral, 31 AVP-sponsored protesters stood up throughout the sanctuary, wearing handlettered T-shirts that described on one side how they lettered T-shirts that described on one side how they or a loved one had been the victim of anti-lesbian or antigay violence. [Juan Mendez, an AVP staff member, wore a shirt that read "Survivor of six anti-gay attacks."] The other side of the T-shirts read, "Calling me evil promotes violence against me."

olence against me."

One by one, the protesters turned their backs on the

bishop.

When the homily was over, the demonstrators slowly filed down the central aisle, each holding the photograph of a victim of anti-lesbian or anti-gay violence. The largest

signs were for Brendan Fay, a Catholic parishioner of Dai-ly's own diocese who was stabbed in Brooklyn on Au-

Ironically, when Daily first saw the demonstrators, who actually outnumbered the parishioners that day, he abruptly changed the order of the mass and held the "kiss of peace" immediately before his peace" immediately before his homily. The members of the congregation, the protesters, and the bishop, joined by two priests, shook hands. Although two of the AVP group refused to shake the bishop's hand, the overall consensus was that the move had a positive effect in forcing human contact between the two groups. groups.

The protest was carefully

structured to avoid any accu-sations of descration or dis-ruption of a religious service. It followed a centuries-old tra-dition within the Catholic Church of expressing displeasure with a homily, which is not considered a sacred part of the mass.

Parishioners interviewed by the media after the mass had positive things to say about the way in which the protest was conducted. Dur-ing a call-in television inter-

ing a call-in television interview the next day, even Bishop Daily offered no objection to the protest.▼
[The author is the Executive Director of the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project.]

Cracker Barrel Still Discriminates, **But Shareholders Lodge Objections**

California Pensions Among 15 Percent Favoring Gay Rights

by Dennis Conkin

On Tuesday, November 23, 15.6 percent of shareholders in the Cracker Barrel company voted to adopt policies that would forbid continuing employment discrimination control behing and such as the control of the control tion against lesbians and gays.

The 100-restaurant/gift store chain, based in Lebanon, Tennessee, adopted a policy in January 1991 that banned the hiring of lesbian and gay workers and others "whose sexual preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values." At least a dozen workers have been dozen workers have been fired because of their sexual orientation in the 35 months, leading to protests at various Cracker Barrel locations by civil rights and gay rights

The \$65 billion dollar California Public Retirement System, the largest public employees pension fund in the country, and the California Teachers Retirement System, which holds an estimated 900,000 shares in the company, voted in favor of the nondiscrimination policy.

The vote was the first U.S. gay rights shareholders resolution to be voted upon by investors, and was sponsored by the \$22 billion New York City Employees Retirement System

The resolution called for

the anti-gay firm to end the practice and to clearly state in employee manuals that it did not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

In an extraordinary letter to the company before the vote, the boards of both California systems called for a change in the policy and said that California law forbids such discrimination.

"California's position sends a clear message to Cracker Barrel and other employers who do not treat lesbian and gay workers with the dignity and the respect that they de-serve, that their actions will be vigorously opposed," said California State Controller Gray Davis.

"I will continue to urge PERS and STRS to adopt resolutions to further that goal," Davis said.

Cracker Barrel's response

In a statement issued to the press after the vote, Cracker Barrel said that it hoped the matter would be dropped following the loss of the resolution.

That's not likely, said Scott

That's not likely, said Scott Shafer, Davis's chief of staff.

"The shareholder vote underscores the seriousness of the matter and the depth of concern of the pension funds. The [pension] funds will continue to bring the issue up at tinue to bring the issue up at the annual shareholder meet-



California Controller Gray Davis says Cracker Barrel discriminatory "actions will be vigorously opposed."

Area Reporter.

Because more than three percent of shareholders supported the measure, it can be reintroduced by proxy at future annual meetings.

Shafer told the B.A.R. that first-time resolutions by shareholders generally receive less than ten percent of votes cast, and said that the 15.6 percent vote indicates there is support for the gay rights policy.

rights policy.

A companion resolution that would have created a diverse board of directors for the firm, including lesbian board members, was supported by only nine percent of voters, but it can also be reintroduced by proxy later. ▼

GLAAD Media Watch

World Genitalia Day?

n her regular "AIDSWEEK" n her regular "AIDSWEEK" column for December 1 (World AIDS Day), the Examiner's Lisa Krieger reported that AIDS Day activities in San Francisco's public schools had "some parents feeling edgy and angry because they haven't been given a chance to examine the materials and learn about the speakers." Krieger quotes one upset parent, Marsha Glantz, and the President of the San Francisco PTA. Helen Luev.

PTA, Helen Luey. Luey complained that parents were not given enough informa-tion to decide whether or not they wanted to have their children ex-cluded from the AIDS Day obser-vance. The smoke screen of parental notification is often used

vance. The smoke screen of parental notification is often used to push a homophobic, AIDS-phobic and sex-negative agenda for the public schools. Even worse, Krieger helped Luey push that agenda by suggesting — falsely — that AIDS Day observances included "depictions of human genitalia and reproduction."

Significantly, Krieger did not speak to Tom Ammiano, a gay man, parent, and president of the San Francisco School Board. She did not speak to Angie Fa, a lesbian and a School Board commissioner. She did not contact Sam Thoron, regional director of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). She did not report the observations of any lesbian, gay, or bisexual youth. Finally, and most shocking of all, Krieger did not seek out the opinions of the 2,000 or more San Francisco teens who are infected with HIV.

Although the school district's AIDS Day observance was

Although the school district's AIDS Day observance was thoughtfully organized and planned in consultation with a number of educational and comnumber of educational and com-munity organizations, Krieger did not quote a single person who had anything positive to say about the day's events. Instead, she present-ed a lopsided swipe at a program that should serve as a model for AIDS awareness throughout the pation's public schools.

AIDS awareness throughout the nation's public schools. Register your disgust with both Lisa Krieger and PTA President Helen Luey. Call Phil Bronstein, Executive Editor, S.F. Examiner, 415-777-2424, or write to Letters to the Editor, S.F. Examiner, PO Box 7260, S.F., CA 94120, or fax your letter to 415-512-1264. Write or call Helen Luey, S.F. PTA, 135 Van Ness, Rm. 206, S.F., CA 94102, tel. 415-587-1098 or 415-861-0538.

Another bad Exam

On November 30th, the Examiner offered readers another dose of homophobic, sex-negative spu-tum. In a column titled "Sex Education at San Francisco State,"

Examiner reporter Scott Winokur attacked Dr. John De Cecco,
Professor of Psychology and Director of the Center for Research and Education in Sexuality at San Francisco State University.

In a column that was as imma-

ture as it was defamatory, Win-okur describes De Cecco as a "grayish-looking, pot-bellied 68-year old" and argues that the pro-fessor's research interests amount fessor's research interests amount to little more than "amoral non-sense." With disdain, Winokur criticizes De Cecco's classroom discussions of "unconventional eroticism" and claims that De Cecco is "pandering to students who might have been too impressionable and inexperienced to

know better." In a final fit of irony, Winokur reports that one of De Cecco's lectures on prostitution was delivered "with appalling

superficiality."

In fact, Winokur's column is In fact, Winokur's column is appallingly superficial. Hiscentral argument is nothing more than a rehash of the Anita Bryant "Save Our Children" rhetoric, and any mention of De Cecco's trail-blaz-

mention of De Cecco's trail-blazing academic career is completely
missing from the hateful column.
Winokur never mentioned, for
instance, that De Cecco is an internationally-respected and widelycited researcher, a member of
the International Academy of Sex
Research, the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex, the American Psychological Association,
and the San Francisco Bay Area
Historical Society. Nor did Winokur mention that De Cecco is the
editor of the highly acclaimed orun mention that De Cecco is the editor of the highly acclaimed Journal of Homosexuality, the only journal devoted to empirical research on the subject. De Cecco has also published several anthologies, including Bashers, Baiters & Bigots: Homophobia in American Society.

American Society.
Send another round of criticism to Phil Bronstein, Executive Editor, S.F. Examiner, 415-777-2424, or write to Letters to the Editor, S.F. Examiner, PO Box 7260, S.F., CA 94120, or fax your letter to 415-512-1264.

Homo video

MTV, generally known as a queer-positive network, has refused to air, because of its homoerotic content, the video from Fem 2 Fem's "Woman to Woman" album. Fem 2 Fem is a group of lesbian and bisexual musiciants. The network — which promotes respect for diversity through a high-visibility "Free Your Mind" campaign — certainly needs to be more open minded about Fem 2 Fem.

Meanwhile, MTV's less-hip off-Meanwhile, MIV's less-hip oft-spring, VH-1, is airing k.d. lang's video "Just Keep Me Moving," from the soundtrack for Even Cowgirls Get the Blues. In the

Cowgirls Get the Blues. In the video, lang drives her motorcycle past another woman, whom she cruises. The woman returns her affectionate gaze and hops on the bike. Once her arms are around lang, they drive off together.

Comments should be sent to: Viewer Department, MTV Networks, Inc., 1515 Broadway, New York, NY 10036, or call the MTV Viewer Comment Line at 212-258-8700; Viewer Services, VH-1, 1515 Broadway, New York, NY 10036, tel. 212-258-7800 or 212-258-8000.

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Friday

er what kind of tipper Bush was, the somewhat chagrined young man pulled out a lapel pin bearing the U.S. presiden-tial seal! Makes me wonder how many boxes of those George took with him when he cleared out of the White House

House.
East Bay Assemblywoman Bast Bay Assembly women. Delaine Eastin, a pro-gay legislator, made it official last week: she's in the non-partisan primary next June for state superintendent of public last transfer in The post will be instruction. The post will be held by Sanford Sigoloff until then. If no candidate wins

held by Sanford Sigoloff until then. If no candidate wins over 50 percent, there will be a November '94 runoff.

Meanwhile, SF District Attorney Arlo Smith continues to pick up important endorsements within the Democratic Party to take on incumbent conservative, anti-gay Attorney General Dan Lungren next year.

And in a city where power is the one great aphrodisiac,

next year.

And in a city where power is the one great aphrodisiac, several Bay Area politicos are being acclaimed for their sex appeal. The current issue of the glitzy Washington magazine lists Representative Nancy Pelosi, the 53-year-old mother of five, as being one of the sexiest people in D.C., saying the SF congresswoman "not only looks great, but has produced an impressive body of work in Congress." Ukiah Congressman Dan Hamburg, the 45-year-old, baby-faced freshman, who has been dubbed the "hunk" of the House by the Washington Post and the L.A. Times, is also listed, as is Leola Dellums, wife of East Bay Representative Ron Dellums, who works in a top D.C. law firm. Oh yes, both Al Gore and Bill Clinton made the list of the top 25 sexiest.

And how was your day? top 25 sexiest.

And how was your day?



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National News

Bill and Dave's Excellent Talk

by Karen Ocamb

When President Bill Clinton planned his visit to Los Angeles for political fundraisers and speeches the weekend of December 3, he wanted to get in touch with gay political activist David Mixner. The two had been friends for over 20 years until after Clinton's "compromise" on gays in the military: after that debacle Mixner, who had spearheaded the gay vote for Clinton, came out publicly against the president, saying his old friend had "betrayed" the gay community.

community.
Ironically, Mixner — who
normally lives in Los Angeles
— was scheduled to be in
Washington on behalf on his consulting business during the same weekend Clinton would be in California. It took Marsha Scott, the head of correspondence for the White House, to track him down at the Four Seasons and invite him to a personal, one-on-one visit with Clinton in the Oval Office. The meeting was set for December 2 at 6:30 p.m.

for December 2 at 0:30 p.m.
Before going in to see Clinton, Mixner visited briefly with Vice President Al Gore, who was just leaving a meeting. According to Mixner, they talked about AIDS and the need for a gay and lesbian civil rights bill.
The first part of the bour.

civil rights bill.

The first part of the hour and a half meeting was "very personal, very emotional," Mixner said in a December 7 phone interview. "It was the reestablishment of a strong friendship a healing. There friendship, a healing. There was an understanding that we still disagreed on the military issue. But we agreed to dis-agree."

Mixner says he acknow-



David Mixner (right) kissed and made up with old pal Bill Clinton at a Dec. 2 tete-a-tete in the Oval Office. (Photo: Karen Ocamb

ledged "all the good things" Clinton's done and noted that Clinton's done and noted that it's important to lay the groundwork for the future. Clinton predicted that at times they would disagree again in the future, but that they would "work real hard" to not let the disagreements effect the friendship. They are to not let the disagreements affect the friendship. They ac-knowledged that they "missed each other," says Mixner. "I was very glad to see him."

No predictions

Besides repairing their friendship, Clinton and Mix-ner talked about various issues affecting the lesbian and gay community, and specifically about openly gay Naval Academy graduate Joe Stef-fan's case against the military. Although Mixner says he will make no predictions —
"because I've been burned
before" — he is "not sure that the government is going to pur-sue" appealing Steffan's recent

sue" appealing Steffan's recent court victory. They did not discuss Naval Petty Officer Keith Meinhold's case.

"This is a man who is beginning to understand the power of Presidential words and action," Mixner says, referring to Clinton's World AIDS Day speech. And, he says, Clinton was "very very moved" by his hospital visit with people living with AIDS. He was also genuinely with people living with AIDS. He was also genuinely pleased that the Clintons dimmed the White House lights that night, joining others around the country acknowledging those who have died from AIDS.
"He viewed this as a real beginning in the effort against AIDS," Mixner says. They did not discuss personalities—such as AIDS Coordinator Kristine Gebbie. But Mixner

says Clinton was "very moved" by two movies he'd recently seen: Schindler's List about a Nazi who helped save Jews during the Holocaust, and Philadelphia, a story about the discrimination experienced by a lawyer (played by Tom Hanks) with AIDS. "He really made the connection between the Holocaust and what's going on with AIDS," Mixner says.

Mixner also talked to Clinton about the need for a gay and lesbian civil rights bill. As an illustration, he used the recent example of how Apple

recent example of how Apple Computer's bid for a tax break to build in Williamson County, Texas was rejected by the commissioners there because of Apple's corporate policy on domestic partner

policy on domestic partner benefits.

"Imagine how the gays and lesbians felt in the county," Mixner told Clinton. "We can't deal with this city by city. We need a national policy to protect us." Mixner would say only "he was responsive" when asked to characterize Clinton's reaction.

Clinton also told Mixner that instead of a "giant executive order" to eliminate bias based on sexual orientation in federal employment, he was

federal employment, he was going to encourage "a lot of going to encourage "a lot of action" within the agencies

action" within the agencies themselves.

"We'll see," Mixner says, "but by the middle of next year, all security clearance barriers should be history—including in the CIA and the military."

Mixner characterized his

Mixner characterized his long meeting with Clinton as "deep, substantive, educational, and informative." And, he says, it was good to have his old friend back.



No stamp of approval

ACT UP demonstrated in front of LA's Federal Building on World AIDS Day. Their signs read "AIDS Cure Now — Not



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Apple Gets Tax Break To Move To Lousy Neighborhood: Texas

But Not Before the Texas Republican Party Endorses Bigotry

by Karen Ocamb

Just before they started to vote, the five Williamson County, Texas, commissioners bowed their heads in prayer, asking God for a peaceful resolution to the contraversy that categories

peaceful resolution to the controversy that catapulted the small area around Austin into the national spotlight.

There was so much at stake: the building of a proposed \$80 million dollar, nine-building Apple Computers complex in Round Rock, just north of more liberal Austin. complex in Kound Rock, just north of more liberal Austin, which was expected to create at least 700 jobs and have a tremendous impact on the local economy.

But on Tuesday, November 30, the Williamson County commissioners voted 3-2 to deny Apple its request for a

deny Apple its request for a small tax break to build the facility—because Apple's cor-porate policy on employee benefits covers same-sex part-ners. Commissioner William ners. Commissioner william Boatright had told the press that the company's policy would "attract people who are in those kinds of relation-ships, and I don't want to encourage that kind of activity

Typical G.O.P. sensitivity

According to reports from gays on the scene, the com-missioners "beamed and gloated" over what they clear-ly considered to be a victory, spite the loss of jobs.
And while county commis-

sioners may have smirked, it took the Texas State Republi-can Executive Committee to adopt a resolution applauding

can Executive Committee to adopt a resolution applauding their actions.

The Republican committee adopted a statement Saturday, presented by member Ernest Angelo Jr. of Midland, that commended the two Republicans and one Democrat, "for having the courage to say taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize behavior that many believe to be immoral and illegal."

"The feeling was that the executive committee members wanted to commend these commissioners for their courageous move — for standing up for values that the Republican Party supports — by denying special tax treatment for a company that condones

for a company that condones behavior that many residents of Williamson County and the

of Williamson County and the state of Texas find immoral," committee official Karen Hughes said.

Texas Republican Chair-man Fred Meyer called the resolution "just an expression of support" for the commis-sioners

of support for the commissioners.

"I think the resolution speaks for itself," Meyer said. The G.O.P. action came after Democratic Governor Ann Richards and her staff spent several days lobbying the commissioners to offer a new inventige personners.

commissioners to offer a new incentive program in an effort to keep Apple interested.

Although Apple sources say the company was willing to forego the money it had already sunk into the prospective site, it asked for another vote to be taken before abandoning all plans One week of doning all plans. One week after the first vote, on December 7, before some 200 people including national media rep

resentatives, the commissioners reversed themselves and voted 3-2 in favor of a complex financial package that would grant Apple the re-quested tax refund, comparable to a tax refund given Dell Computer in Austin.

"We're very pleased the Williamson County commissioners reconsidered their position and voted to offer Apple a tax package that's quite fair and equitable," Apple spokesperson Bill Keegan told the Bay Area Reporter. "We're glad the lines of communication were kept open throughout the process and that the Williamson County residents and those in the greater Austin area were very greater Austin area were very supportive of our plans to build a customer supportive facility."

Justifying the flip-flop

Commissioner Mike Heili-Commissioner Mike Heili-genstein said the new propos-al calls for Apple and the cur-rent owner of the land where the center would be built to give the county the right of way for a road and related improvements worth \$1.5 mil-lion

Apple would pay its taxes to the county and get \$750,000

in rebates over seven years.

Heiligenstein said the difference is that "under the old proposal, it was general taxpayer money involved. Now it's Apple dollars involved."

Early in the negotiating process Apple provided information about what kind of a

mation about what kind of a company they are, including their incentives and benefits, Keegan said. So when opposition was expressed, Apple "made it very clear that [liberal employee benefits] were something we did to attract and retain talented people. We also made it known that we are not in a position to change the policy.' Since Apple is a publicly-owned company, the shareholders would have to agree to any policy changes.

changes.
"I think [the vote] does validate a lot of what more progressive-thinking companies believe in how we offer employee benefits;" Keegan told the Bay Area Reporter. "Companies need to know how to get along with very diverse groups of individuals. That's why we think Apple is an attractive company to an attractive company to work for."

700, bound for Hell

Apple will start construc-tion in the spring of 1994 and

bring the 700 employees cur-

bring the 700 employees currently employed at a leased facility in Austin to the new site, says Keegan. "It's a victory," said David M. Smith, National Gay & Lesbian Task Force spokesperson, who was in Williamson County to monitor the vote. NGLTF was concerned about the conservative message the earlier vote had sent to corporations; additionally, to corporations; additionally, NGLTF Board co-chair Eliza-

NGLIF Board co-chair Elizabeth Birch is a lead attorney for Apple Computer.

"The complicated technical tax break is a bizarre way to acknowledge they made a mistake." Smith said. "The commissioners still believe in their 'family values' and that while they don't believe they are using taxpayers' dollars to actually subsidize Apple coming to Williamson County, Apple is coming to Williamson County—with the domestic partnership policy unscathed."

Smith said the "education

scathed."

Smith said the "education process" about sexual orientation was incredible. "Williamson County residents have clearly gotten Gay 101," Smith said. "There has been a lot of ignorance shattered.

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Community

Gift Ideas

article. Lots of others, howev-

er, will.)

The more you know about your intended recipient's particular sport of choice, the easier it is to know what to give. It's unwise to make generalizations about what practical presents are useful for every athlete, except to say they'd probably all like more time to spend at their sports. Since time is so very expensive, the B.A.R.'s sports sleuths have tracked down gift wish lists from local les-

gift wish lists from local lesbian and gay athletes who are in many different sports.

Some of their answers may sound ridiculous, (because they are) but many others may be helpful for shoppers who had, like last year, resigned themselves in 1993 to be settlers. So if you, like many of us, have wondered what to give to the athletes in your lives, read on.

Aerobogifts

For the many lesbians and gay men who love aerobics, San Francisco aerobofreak

Dianne Aaronson suggests matching leotards and tights or monogrammed sweat tow-els and matching headbands— and wishes that the athletic shoe companies they would make guaranteed injury-free aerobics shoes. Gift certificates for the athlete's favorite aerobics classes are usually welcome, as well.

Backpacking

Jeff Golden from the Sierra Club suggested a plastic collapsible wash basin for the backpacker who worries about appearance. Golden says the 18" square, 3" high, comfort increaser can bring many hours of pleasure. "Tve practically taken a bath in my many hours of pleasure. The practically taken a bath in my collapsible washbasin," he said, humorously adding, "God forbid you should dunk yourself in a cold stream."

Basketball

"Elevator shoes," was B.A.R. reporter and basket-ball player Nancy Boutilier's immediate answer when asked what she wanted this holiday season.

By the way, basketball players, especially leather high-top wearers, are reputed

to have smellier feet than most other athletes: Odor Eaters also make good pre-sents for these athletes if new shoes are out of the question.

Bodybuilding

Aaronson, also a body-builder, recommended that what bodybuilders really need is "a case of self-tanning cream." That way they can recream." That way they can reduce their skin cancer risk while still keeping the right look. Wall-to-wall interior mirrors will also help them practice shaping up. Body builders also shed almost all their hair before contests, so razors and "gift certificates for leg and bikini waxes" are recommended. Most bodybuilders are also serious dieters, so do not give those friends chocolate; instead, try a "six-month supply of non-fat a "six-month supply of non-fat goodies."

Bowling

Local bowler and lesbian and gay bowling tournament organizer Don George advised that the following things make good gifts for the bowler in anyone's life: bowling shoes, bowling gloves, a bowling rosin bag (which it bowling rosin bag (which, it

must be said, can double as face powder in a pinch), a large towel — bowlers frequently need to dry their hands and wipe their balls — or a personalized bowling shirt. Visit the Pro shop at any bowling alley to get any of these items.

Boxing

Boxing

In one of the butchest sports of all, boxing, participants are infamous for mistreating a most important piece of safety equipment (well, the second most important for men, after the protective jock cup): their boxer's mouthpieces. Many practitioners of other mouthpiecemandatory sports, like field hockey, have similar problems. The specially molded mouthpieces are meant to be soaked in Listerine between wearings, but many boxers fail on the soaking, and simply throw the mouthguard into their gym bags with their sweaty post-workoutclothing.

sweaty post-workout clothing.
And because most boxers
don't insert — or even think
about — their mouthguards about — their mouthguards until they return to the ring to spar, Boxing Club instructor Greg Varney has seen a number of dirty, poorly caredfor mouthguards being pulled from cruddy gym bags. "Yuck," said Varney, remembering the dirty things.

Varney's suggestion to friends of boxers give them a small mouthguard-sized waterproof container (think Tupperware) so they can soak their mouthguards, as they are supposed to, between workouts. Perhaps a bottle of Listerine would help, as well.

Cyclists

Although cyclists' feet don't get quite the bashing and abuse that athletes like runners and soccer players runners and soccer players do, they do need to be pampered. The ubiquitous Aaronsen, (also, yes, a cyclist and avid bike commuter) suggests the best present for cyclists is "a case of Cytomax, a sixmonth supply of pasta, plus a super-duper-sized water bottle for the bike."

Flag football

The best gift for flag foot-ball players, B.A.R. reporters decided, is soap. They really love to get down and dirty. Laundry detergent would help as well.

Powerlifting

Powerlitting

Powerlitting is so overwhelming that smelling salts
are an appropriate gift, according to powerlifter Sheila
Parham, who explained they
"take smelling salts, because
before or after a lift you need
to wake up." Other suggested
presents for powerlifters are
Ben-Gay, a gift of a massage,
or a chiropractor visit.

Running

B.A.R. reporter and runer Rick Thoman said he ner Rick Thoman said he wished for yet another shoe hybrid. He felt the best gift for a runner would be "Rocket shoes, a sponsor for the Gay Games, plus best wishes and hopes for success." He mentioned desiring extra body parts, knees, ankles, etc... because these get sore on lots of runners. Other Studach recommendations for runners include skid-proof runners include skid-proof running shorts, Peni-pads for cold weather running, a one pound jar of Vaseline, and "a lover who owns a car ... and cares." Certificates for feet massage are also recommend



"Shave me, oil me, mousse me." Bodybuilders gready to show their stuff. (Photo: Darlene/PhotoGraph

Virtually all athletes, whatever sport they prefer, wish for injury-free (or at least injury-reducing) shoes. Soccer players are no different. It is the nature of the game that it brings on a host of leg problems. Part of the solution is to wear shinguards and heavy socks that, unfortunately, tend socks that, unfortunately, tend to make feet and legs perspire

a lot.
Foot perspiration is unhealthy, and it often causes the soccer bags they are stored in to develop a strong and unpleasant odor. Various types of foot-odor powders and Odor Eaters are highly recommended presents for soccer players. Or maybe it is time to buy the soccer player time to buy the soccer player in your life a new equipment bag, one with built in odoreaters, or a 12-pack of new, tall, soccer socks.

Sports with blow-up stuff:

Also for soccer — and basketball, volleyball and other sports with blow-up balls — ball pumps and extra needles are always welcome. The delicate little needles tend to break easily, or get lost even more easily. Also, Ben-Gay or tiger balm, ice packs, first aid



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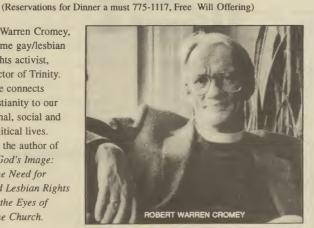
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whiskey are recommended, as are certificates for feet mas-sage, chiropractic visits, or massage, for almost every contact sport player.

Many softball players lose their batting gloves. Others may need to get their gloves re-strung. Maybe it's a good time to give your softball player a gift certificate they can use to get a new glove. A big new glove.

Don't forget the "Butch Eyeliner," the black glarefighting stuff ballplayers streak under their eyes. The sun can be an enemy to a sportsperson, and besides it makes even the worst player look so authentic!

Squash

Squash players sweat a lot, according to Wayne Bender, who is organizing the squash section of Team San Francisco. He recommended deodorant as a useful gift for a squash-lover, plus Ben-Gay for after-game stiffness and "a pair of hard balls — squash, that is."

Swimmers

lybuilders get

A few mótivational gifts suggested for swimmers included a Mark Spitz blow-up doll, inflatable bras, and Speedos — from Fredrick's of Hollywood. One swimmer also asked for a one-pound bucket of Nair. (Swimmers shave their body hair off; otherwise it creates drag and friction while they try to fly through the waters.) A gift certificate for lotion would also be in order, since the pool chemicals can really dry out the swimmer's skin. mer's skin.

Table Tennis

Team San Francisco Table Tennis Association organizer
Allen Balderson said the table
tennis players wanted a coach,
and "programmable balls" that
would refuse to bounce off the table at the appropriate moments.

"The best present for a San Francisco city park player would be a net they could put up at the different parks in this city," said tennis ace Boutilier, who admitted that would be easier to give than the other thing on her wish list: a new backhand.

Triathlon

Body doubles, frequently used in movie stuntwork, would be popular with triathletes, whose holiday requests unveiled some of their real feelings about the incredible stresses and strains of the grueling triathlon. The wish list, compiled by Dave Studach,



ps his mouth protected while sparring.

asked first for "two other people who look just like you to complete the second and third legs" of the event. Triathletes also asked for kindness from "the fashion police," specifically "fashion police-approved wet suits," and waterproof makeup. Water soluble brain cells, Baseball cards for putting in bike spokes to anoy the competition, and a binoy the competition, and a bi-cycle seat with a built-in butt plug were the other sugges-tions they listed.

Wrestlers

Wrestlers are another weight conscious breed, according to Aaronson, who has known many wrestlers. She suggests the perfect wrestling gift is "a bathroom scale" and also recommends color coordinated wrestling one-piece singlet body suits and head gear, and no-nick razors.

The rest

If the sport you were interested in isn't listed, we have the following general sugges-tions for presents for athletes. tions for presents for admetes. Frequently recommended gen-eral athletic presents are gift certificates at sporting good stores, Ben-Gay or Tiger Balm, aspirin or Advil, bath salts, and certificates for massage.



Take a deep breath and straighten out those legs! A wrestler in appealing singlet learns to stand

Many athletes mentioned the Gay Games — perhaps you, the kind gift-giver, could underwrite part of your athlete/ friend's expenses to go to the New York Gay Games in June, 1904

If you need any more suggestions of gifts, head over to Team San Francisco's holiday fundraising auction from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 11, at the Eureka Valley

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This study will recruit participants whose Tcell counts are between 200-500, and who have taken AZT for at least 4 months but no longer than 1 year. No prior ddl or ddC use is allowed. There are also limited spaces for participants who have never taken any antiretroviral drugs.

For more information about this and other studies contact Mark Bowers at (415) 353-6215. HIVCare is a program of Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, 900 Hyde Street, San Francisco

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National News

New Blue Ribbon Red Ribbon Panel Doesn't Thrill Activists

Clinton's AIDS Drug Task Force: Is It Serious, or Just Stalling?

by Kimberly Griffin

Just before World AIDS Day last week, President Clinton announced the formacontrol amounteed the forma-tion of a National Task Force on AIDS Drug Development, drawing mixed-to-unfavorable reviews from AIDS activists. The task force — which will draw its 15 members

will draw its 15 members from government, the pharmaceutical industry, academia, medicine, and the AIDS-affected communities—will focus on seeking innovative approaches to the development of AIDS drugs.

Members of ACT UP/Washington decried the latest national effort to confront the epidemic, calling it a "hoax" that is merely "smoke and mirrors."

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"Where's the Manhattanstyle project that Bill Clinton promised us? Where is the action?" ACT UP member Wayne Turner asked at a news conference at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland following Clinton's announcement.

Although Health and Human Services Secretary Don-

Although Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala promised that "this is not just another government panel appointed to study an issue and write a report that gathers dust," ACT UP members were not convinced.

"After 12 years of AIDS, 300,000 Americans dead, two National Commissions on AIDS, three commission reports and 30 unfulfilled rec ommendations, and two presidents who did nothing, we don't need yet another task



Secretary Donna Shalala defended the president's task force.

force," Turner said later. "We need real action, not empty gestures and a photo-op."

Shalala responded to charges of inaction made at the news conference saying, "We see this as taking action None of this would be consid

None of this would be considered enough, but it is a significant step."

The Washington, D.C.-based AIDS Action Council echoed Shalala's sentiment in its response, acknowledging that the task force does fall short of a Manhattan Project recommended by the National AIDS Commission, but at the same time represents an the same time represents an unprecedented level of commitment from the federal gov

ernment.
"This opportunity gives us cause for optimism," said Derek Hodel, treatment is-sues director of the council, because it will challenge accepted approaches to drug de-

cepted approaches to drag acvelopment.

Mervyn Silverman, executive director of the American Foundation for AIDS Research, said he was encouraged by the appointment of Dr. Philip Lee, assistant secretary for health, as head of

"It seems very clear that with Lee at the helm, this is not a document that's going to sit on the shelf," Silverman said. "This time, I'm very optimistic that won't happen.

With representatives from a wide array of organizations working to fight AIDS, the task force will eliminate unnecessary duplication of efforts and expedite the process of developing and evaluating potential drugs, Lee said. The task force was modeled after an existing coalition among the pharmaceutical compa-

The sad fact today is that not a single new drug applica-tion for an anti-retroviral agent awaits FDA approval," Shalala said last week. Only three antiviral drugs — AZT, ddI, and ddC — have received Food and Drug Administra-

tion approval ton approval.

During the next month,
Lee will be seeking nominations from the public for
members of the task force,
which he aims to be composed of people "with both
competence and compassion
and the diversity that is reflective of the epidemic." The
nanel is expected to meet for panel is expected to meet for the first time before spring.

'Certain Values and Beliefs:' Justices Let Scouts Discriminate

by Michael Kirkland

WASHINGTON (UPI) On Monday, December 6, the United States Supreme Court declined to hear the appeal of an agnostic ten-year-old in the Chicago area who was kept out of the Boy Scouts because he refused to acknowledge his "duty to God."

his "duty to God."

The justices refused the appeal without comment, even though the Boy Scouts of America had asked for a definitive judgment to avoid confusion in the federal and state courts.

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The case began in 1990 when Mark Walsh, 7, and his father Elliot filed the suit against the Boy Scouts after the West Suburban Council in Chicago refused admittance to the Tiger Scouts program.

The organization has three levels of programs: Tiger Scouts for 7- year-olds; Cub Scouts for 8- to 10-year-olds; and the Boy Scouts for 11- to 18-year-olds.

In their cuit, the Welsh

In their suit, the Walshes charged that the Boy Scouts' facilities qualified as a "place of entertainment," and were subject to Title II of the 1964 Civil Rights Act as a "public accommodation." The law forbids discrimination on the ba-

sis of religious beliefs, among other things.

A federal district court and the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago sided with the Boy Scouts.

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with the Boy Scouts.

A portion of the 7th Circuit ruling found that the Boy Scouts qualified for the "private club" exemption in the civil rights act.

The Walshes appealed to the Supreme Court.

In a response brief, the Boy Scouts said the case "presents important questions of the scope of Title II" and also asked the Supreme Court to hear the appeal.

hear the appeal.

The organization said the First Amendment guarantees its members the right to form an association to express and reinforce "certain values and beliefs, including religious ones, and to limit membership to those who share those values and beliefs." The Boys Scouts said that right is being attacked by people suing the organization in state and federal courts.

The organization said unless the Supreme Court defines its First Amendment rights, they could be lost through attrition. The Boy Scouts said there "are limits on the capacity of any vol. .. capacity of any vol



these cases in forum after fo-

The brief cited a case at the intermediate level in Orange County, California, where a trial judge ordered the Cub Scouts to admit two other boys. The Boy Scouts said the boys believed in Santa Claus and the tooth fairy, but did not believe in God. The cause of the controver-

which has been unchanged since it was published in the Boy Scout Handbook in

"On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law, to help people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally and

Oregon Gays Brace for '94: Mabon, OCA, Outfor Blood Again

Anti-Gay 'Son of 9' Ballot Measure Launched on December 1st

by Neil Heilpern

Pro- and anti-gay rights forces in Oregon are shuffling the deck for another hand of contention as they prepare for new legislative battles in

A string of 1993 victories A string of 1993 victories in 15 city and county initiative referendums spurred the right wing Oregon Citizens Alliance to launch a signature gathering drive Wednesday, December 1 — World AIDS Day — for a new ballot measure to go on the statewide ballot in November.

The new referendum includes more moderate language than the unsuccessful "Measure 9" of the November 1992 election, which would

Measure 9 of the revocation of quired schools to teach that homosexuality was wrong. The measure was rejected by 57 percent of the voters. The new measure removes that wording but still pro-hibits government from creat-

hibits government from creating any classification based on

ing any classification based on homosexuality or spending public money to "promote" homosexuality.

When OCA leader Lon Mabon last week started a new signature drive, he waved a flier, entitled "You talked — We listened," to indicate the local elections showed the tide was changing in favor of denying "special rights" to the gay community.

"We have designed this new initiative to appeal to the middle voter in Oregon," he said, noting the revised language in local referendums was responsible for their passage.

Child protection?

The new petition, which needs 89,000 signatures by July 8, would call for a November vote on what the OCA is calling "The Minority Status and Child Protection

Act."
Gay rights leaders call the OCA local victories hollow and not indicative of any change of opinion among Oregon voters.
"Lon Mabon was strategic in selecting those 'Baby Nine' locations as sure victories for himself," said Julie Davis, Executive Director of the "Support our Communities Political Action Committee" (SOC-PAC).

PAC).
Early in 1993 Davis was a

Early in 1993 Davis was a legislative aide to state representative Gail Shibley, one of two openly gay legislators in Oregon, and the only lesbian in state office.

"Where we go from here is to confront at least six more local initiatives ... three for March and three for May," Davis told the Bay Area Reporter, "while we simultaneously prepare for a statewide campaign. campaign.

campaign.

"However, we want to add an additional strategy," she said, adding, "The 'No on 9' campaign was high media, but field operations got off the ground late."

During the 1992 campaign, she said, several pro-gay rights organizations primarily focused their efforts in the three urban counties in the



Julie Davis (left), head of the Support Our Communities PAC, is seen working here with State Rep. Gail Shibley, one of two openly gay legislators in Oregon. (Photo: Neil Heilpern)

Portland metropolitan area — Clackamas, Washington, and Multnomah, with some field work done in Salem, the state capital.

Door-to-door efforts

"While continuing with a fairly visible high profile in those areas," said Davis, "we are also organizing local communities to run grass roots campaigns that include voter

campaigns that include voter registration and door-to-door efforts to let people know about the issues and to get out the vote."

The new efforts would also include increased media visibility and statewide meetings and training sessions.

The effort to "create bases throughout the state" involves more coordination of SOC-PAC with organizations such as Right to Privacy, Rural Organizing Project, and Oregon Speakout.

SOC-PAC has developed a strategy team made up of

broad-based allies, she said, "including gays, lesbians, people of color. faith. labor, business, education, and statewide leaders.

leaders."

One such organization is the Rural Organizing Project, a network of 52 human dignity groups that deal with a wide array of human rights issues, including gay rights.

"We will use that network along with building a coalition council which will be more active than 'No on 9' was, to educate and move people on this issue," added ople on this issue," added

Davis.

"In most of our groups, gays and lesbians are in very strong leadership," said project director Marcy Westerling, of Scapoose. "But we have a broader agenda: to create, support and maintain human dignity groups that combat the history in rural and bat the bigotry in rural and small town communities. Progressive "rural folks"

"The religious right knows we are vulnerable in rural communities," she told the B.A.R., noting that "traditionally, rural folks have been locked out of participating in progressive politics, making decisions, and having access to resources."

The Project has scheduled meetings across the state: this month in The Dalles, and in Keizer, a suburb of Salem, in late February.

"We first met in March of 1993, when 96 activists gath-ered from around the state to look at educational strategies to shift the overall climate," said Westerling. "It may be

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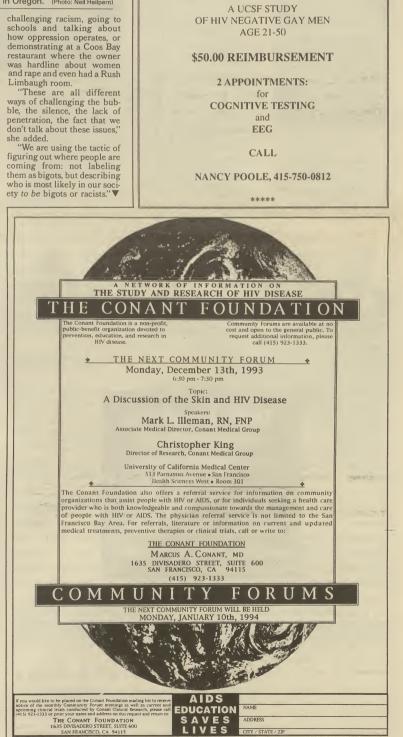
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Treatment Update:

What Does DNCB Mean, and What Does

It Mean to PWAs?

by Dan Medynski

During the month of November, alternative AIDS treatment activists, including members of the ACT UP San Francisco Alternative Treat-ments Committee, the Alter-native Alliance, and the

DNCB's purported medicinal value results from the nonspecific souping-up' of components of the cellular immune system.

Brothers Network, sponsored a four-part information semi-nar and treatment forum on the use of DNCB (dini-trochlorobenzene) as an im-mune system stimulant and immunomodulator. DNCB, for those who are unfamiliar with it, is a chem-ical compound that some PWAs paint on small patches of their skin hoping to "jumpstart" their immune systems. The anecdotal evidence from its supporters is strong and positive, while the medical community has been marked-ly non-enthusiastic.

It is important to note that DNCB quite literally represents the other side of the sents the other side of the coin to the nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor (NRTI) treatment phenomenon (AZT, ddI, and ddC): unlike NRTIs, DNCB is easily obtainable without prescription and at minimal cost as a non-patentable generic compound; unlike NRTIs, DNCB isn't a topic of discussion in well-orches. ic of discussion in well-orches-trated publicity campaigns sponsored by the pharmaceu-tical industry and directed at physicians and AIDS suffer-ers; unlike NRTIs, DNCB does not enjoy desperately needed financial backing by needed financial backing by corporate giants to initiate clinical drug trials; unlike NRTIs, DNCB will not yield lavish dividends for drug company investors and stockholders; and unlike NRTIs, DNCB is unlikely to sail through the harsh regulatory environment of the FDA without a fight.



Truth in advertising? The labels on these DNCB bottles read "Treatment Solution," a claim PWAs

Is DNCB really effective at priming the immune system to stop progression of HIV disease and opportunistic infection? Is the lackluster reception and underdog status of DNCB in medical and pharmaceutical circles simply due to its no profit status—a circumstance that agitates the

psychological smugness of the for-profit-oriented pharmaceu-tical-medical-FDA business network?

The Bay Area Reporter had an opportunity to listen to promulgators of DNCB treatment, examine the results of their grassroots effects to receive the clinical forts to measure the clinical effectiveness of this chemical, and to evaluate the scientific and rational basis for its use; a synopsis of these invest tions is presented below.

DNCB's mode of action

DNCB's mode of action

Traditional approaches to the treatment of disease or infection typically rely on drugs that specifically block biochemical pathways responsible for viral replication or bacterial growth. In contrast, DNCB's purported medicinal value results from the nonspecific "souping-up" of components of the cellular immune system: Thelper (CD4+) cells, cytotoxic (CD8+) Tlymphocytes, macrophages, etc. These components of the immune system rophages, etc. I nese components of the immune system become more effective at recognizing and responding to viral and opportunistic infections because the immune system is "tweaked" as an indirect prosequence of Teelle direct consequence of T-cells that respond specifically to the topical application of DNCB on a patch of skin.

The immune system

ne immune system specifically responds to DNCB by a well-understood immunological phenomenon known as delayed-type hypersensitivity (DTH), or in its more extreme form, contact sensitivity; the indirect mech-anisms by which DNCB tweaks the cellular immune system to become more effec-tive in recognizing and fight-ing pathogens like HIV are unclear and rather controver-

sial.
The DTH phenomenon is The DIH phenomenon is rather straightforward: when DNCB is applied to, and permeates, the skin, it interacts with a class of dendritic cells known as Langerhans cells. Dendritic cells are among the immune system's most effective antigen-presenting cells. Without artifers presenting Without antigen-presenting cells, T-cells would not be able to recognize and then re-

spond to foreign intruders and invading pathogens.

DNCB molecules attach
themselves to the cell surface of Langerhans cells, by which they are then taken up. Langerhans cells then leave the skin and migrate to near-by lymph nodes, where they change morphology and be-come known as interdigitat-

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ing dendritic cells, and where they present the DNCB anti-gen to Thelper cells that are specific for this antigen. As a consequence, the T-cells multiply, form more "memory" T-cells that specif-ically recognize DNCB anti-gen, and activate other imically recognize DNCB antigen, and activate other immune cells—primarily macrophages—to eliminate DNCB
and skin cells exposed to this
chemical. Each time DNCB is
applied to the skin, the memory cells are activated to respond to the immunological
challenge by DNCB; the more
memory cells that exist, the
stronger the immune response.

Unlike the long-term immunological memory that is involved in the delayed-type hypersensitivity response to DNCB, the cascade of beneficial nonspecific immunomodlatory phenomena that soup-up" cellular-mediated immunity as a consequence of DNCB-induced DTH are

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evanescent, temporal, and dependent upon repeated, periodic induction of DTH by DNCB.

How it may work

How and where do these immunomodulatory events occur? Nonspecifically cytotoxic macrophages, which colocalize with sensitized T cells at the site of DNCB dermal application, undergo dramatic increases in activity and changes in morphology when they are activated by the complex regulatory network of they are activated by the com-plex regulatory network of cytokines released by Teells, macrophages, and other im-mune cells at the site of in-flammation. The macrophag-es become capable of engulf-ing and degrading not only cells modified by DNCB, but also macrophages and Teells infected by HIV, plus other viruses, bacteria, fungi, parasites, and cancer cells.

The more controversial interpretation of DNCB action, which is apparent.

The more controversial interpretation of DNCB action, which is supported by AIDS treatment activists and featured speakers at the seminar series, involves the ability of DNCB DTH therapy to activate type 1 Thelper cells ("Th1 cells") while suppressing type 2 Thelper cells ("Th2 cells"). According to data published in the Journal of Clinical Investigation last March by National Cancer Institute immunologists Gene Shearer and Mario Clerici, as an individual's AIDS disease progresses and health declines, there is a shift from a Th1 state to a Th2 state.

Th1 cells are actively involved in cellular immunity and secrete the cytokines IL2, IL12, and interferon gamma. Th2 cells are involved in regulating the humoral (antibody) response, and secrete the cytokines IL4. IL5. IL6.

ulating the humoral (anti-body) response, and secrete the cytokines IL4, IL5, IL6, and IL10. Growth and activa-tion of Th1 and Th2 cells are mutually antagonistic: a strong Th1 response leads to suppression of the Th2 cells, because interferon gamma is an inhibitor of Th2 activation, while a strong Th2 response results in suppression of Th1 cells, because IL4 and IL10 are inhibitors of Th1 cell acti-vation. Thus the course of an

are inhibitors of Th1 cell activation. Thus the course of an individual's response to AIDS can be influenced by the precarious balance and activation state of Th1 and Th2 cells.

According to Shearer and Clerici's hypothesis, maintenance of the Th1 state, with its robust cell-mediated immunity responses, is necessary to effectively fight viral and opportunistic infections. and opportunistic infections.
The DHT of DNCB, which elicits a cellular-mediated immune response, would favor the activation of Th1 cells and the activation of Th1 cells and the production of interferon gamma; interferon gamma, an inhibitor of Th2 cell activation, would maintain the dominance of the Th1 state that effectively responds to HIV and opportunistic infection. Additionally, IL12, produced by Th1 cells, enhances nonspecific natural killer cell activity.

activity. Scientists are not unanimous in accepting the Thi/Th2 hypothesis as it pertains to AIDS. Sergio Romagnani, an investigator from Florence, Italy and the first individual to prove that human Th1 and Th2 cellular clones exist in certain diseases, has been unable to isolate such clones in HIV-infected individuals. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases investigators Anthony Fauci and Cecilia Graziosi

looked for evidence of a Th1 → Th2 switch by measuring cytokine levels in lymph node biopsies of individuals at different stages of AIDS, and with different degrees of lymph node destruction, and were unable to prove that a profound shift in cytokine production occurred (Science 262:175-176 [1993]). Moreover, these investigators speculate these investigators speculate that the Th1/Th2 hypothesis is that the ThI/Th2 hypothesis is too simplistic; it does not account for the possibility that other types of Thelper cells probably exist, nor does it recognize the fact that other immune cell types can produce cytokines with the ability to suppress Th1 or Th2 cells.

Clinical litmus test

The popularity of DNCB over the last decade seems to have ebbed and flowed in innave edded and flowed in inverse proportion to the rise and fall in popularity of more mainstream AIDS treatments, including NRTIs. That's not to imply that DNCB treatment alone should be considered a substitute for other treatment regimens. Although a number of individuals at the seminars. of individuals at the seminars fervently believed that their improved health status and CD4+ counts were directly attributable to weekly applications of DNCB, this compound has yet to withstand the "cool north wind of rational scrutiny" in a scientifically managed clinical trial. According to Blaine Elswood, getting sufficient funding for an authoritative and comprehensive clinical trial has remained the insurmountable stumbling block alternative treatment activists face. of individuals at the seminars

face.

A preliminary pilot study conducted by Raphael Stricker and coworkers (Immunology Letters 36:1-6 [1993]) has neither proved nor disproved the efficacy of DNCB. The study was conducted with asymptomatic individuals or those suffering from lymphadenopathy rather than with PWAs. This study, involving 20 individuals, 16 of whom were compliant and completed the 3- to 20-month DNCB sensitization protocol, established 3- to 20-month DNCB sensitization protocol, established that CD4+ (Thelper cell) counts were stable when measured prior to and subsequent to DNCB treatment. CD8+ (suppressor and cytotoxic Tcell) counts increased an average of 18-percent of the DNCB.

cell) counts increased an average of 18 percent after DNCB treatment, although none of the increase was attributable to cytotoxic (CD8+CD57+) T cells alone. Natural killer cells increased by 25 percent.

In a detailed analysis of this study and other DNCB related issues, AIDS Treatment News (D. Gilden, AIDS Treatment News 182:1-5) was skeptical of the significance of the data; Gilden, a sometime B.A.R. contributor, criticized the fact that only a single data point, pre- and post-DNCB treatment, was reported for each ment, was reported for each patient; he emphasized that wide and sometimes inexplicable variability occurs in quantitating cell markers in limited samplings. Gilden also questioned the validity of comparing compliant individuals with noncompliant individuals, rather than using genuine con-

One encouraging result of the study was the 64 percent decrease in serum HIV-RNA, as measured by quantitative polymerase chain reaction, repolymerase chain reaction, re-ported for seven compliant in-dividuals after undergoing DNCB treatment; two individ-uals who were taking AZT in addition to DNCB showed neither a drop nor an increase in serum HIV-RNA. ▼

Scientists Suggest Hypnosis May Help Immune Disorders

United Press International

GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

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— A recent study by a University of Florida psychologist suggests hypnosis can help boost the immune system, a procedure that may someday be used to help HIV-positive patients and others with immune system disorders.

"The results point toward the fact that hypnosis can improve the immune system," said psychoneuroimmunologist Beree Darby. "And knowing that there are direct biochemical pathways between the brain and the immune system, hypnosis would naturally follow that path."

The study analyzed different levels of lymphocytes, the cells that make up the immune system, in the blood samples of 22 females and six male graduate students between the ages of 22 and 50, taken before and after self-hypnosis training. The analyses were compared with stress factors in the students' ses were compared with stress factors in the students' lives — such as exams — that can weaken the immune sys-

tem.
The study shows a significant increase of lymphocytes in the group that used self-hypnosis, as well as a rise in the levels of self-confidence, self-assurance, self-reliance, self-esteem, and concentraDarby said the research could be applied to individuals who suffer from illnesses that directly affect the immune system. She is studying the effect of the self-hypnosis technique on people who are HIV-positive, including an individual who has improved since starting hypnosis training.

ing.
"The HIV-patient had a low helper/suppressor ratio, which doubled over the three-month period during hypnosis," she said. "Now he's doing greet."

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Ing great."

But Darby emphasized the correlation between hyponsis and improvement with HIV patients is not yet solid and more research needs to be done.

"The potential is there"

"The link between the im-"The link between the immune system and the hypnosis exists, so I'd say the potential is there," she said. "But it's too early to say hypnosis will definitely help the immune systems of people with HIV"

HIV."
Darby, who is a psychologist at the university and in private practice, has made presentations at national medical conferences about the connection between the mind and body. She said her interest in hypnosis as a means of healing stems from her experience as a research scientist.

"My background in biochemistry and immunology, combined with my training in psychology, made me very interested in how psychological intervention can improve the immune system," she said.

Darby said this study may be the first to illustrate the connection between hypnosis and the immune system.

"To my knowledge this is the first controlled study that demonstrated bi-directional control from the nervous system to the immune system, she said. "Previously, experiments using hypnosis and the immune system were not conducted in the most effective ducted in the most effective ways to actually show hypno-sis would make a difference." In order for doctors to be-gin using hypnosis as a means

gin using hypnosis as a means of treating immune system disorders, Darby said clinical hypnotism must be demystified in the public's mind.

"Due to television programs that present it in a strange light, most people have a misconception of what hypnosis is," she said. "But informing people of what clinical hypnotism is is important because it might be very beneficial to their own lives. I think as this procedure becomes more established, it will be practiced more because more people will be aware that it works."

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Paul E. Kostrewski Dec. 27, 1955-Nov. 24, 1993



month ill ness related to AIDS. He is now

adventure.

He leaves behind Bob Schwahn, his partner of seven years, his father and two sisters, Marry and Ticia, who live in the area. Another sister and two brothers are scattered throughout the West. Paul died with his family and close friends, Jim, Scott, and

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Bob nearby.
Paul was a native Californian who loved his plants and his home. A long-term HIV survivor who loved life, he never complained about his illness but instead employed his formidable sense of humor to put others at ease.

Paul lived well. During his teens, Paul was a national roller skating champion
Later he spent 10 years a a flight attendant, traveling the world extensively.
During the last few years, he traveled to Western Euope many times with his

A memorial service is planned for Dec. 10. Gifts should be given to Com-ing Home Hospice, 1390 Market St., SF, CA 94102 or Project Open Hand, 2720 17th St., SF, CA 94110. ▼

Terence (Rus) Russell

Dec. 9, 1953 - July 13, 1993 "Gather the rose of love whilst yet is time." Today

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remember, and think of

you often. R.I.P.

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Mario Rodolfo Estrada 1947-1993



away at his home in Tacoma, Washin Tacoma, Wash-ington, on No-vember 29, 1993. He was retired from the U.S. Army and was a volunteer for Pierce County AIDS Founda-tion and Three Cedars in Taco-ma, Washington.

ma, Washington.
He is survived by his father, Carlos
Estrada, Guatemala; brothers, Fernando Estrada, Guatemala, and Oscar Algara, Tacoma, Wash; cousin, Ruth del Carmen Diaz-Estrada, Tacoma, Wash. Carmen Diaz-Estrada, Tacoma, Wash. Services with full military honors were held Wednesday, December 1, 1993, at 10 a.m. at Tuell-McKee Funeral Home in Tacoma, Washington, with interment following at Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Oregon, Memorial contributions may be made to Three Cedars, Tacoma, Washington. Arrangements by Tuell-McKee Funeral Home (206) 272-1414. ▼

Anthony Ferraro May 13, 1954-Nov. 27, 1993



On November 27 at 5:28 p.m., our dear friend Anthony died in his sleep at San Joa-quin General Hospital in Stockton, Calif.

He was sur-rounded by his

rounded by his longtime companion, Alvarc, his mother, Patricia, his father, Anthony; his sister, Patricia Ann; his nephew, Russell; and many of his friends. He endured a multitude of opportunistic infections since his AIDS diagnosis but accepted each of them and their treatments with each of them and their treatments with great dignity and with a fighting spirit. Born and raised in New York, he moved to San Francisco several years

ago.
There will be no memorial service at his request. ▼

Thomas Hugh Friend Sept. 9, 1958-Nov. 8, 1993



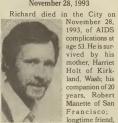


five years of his

Although Tom

Although Tom may have seemed to have spent his short life starting over, in truth, he was forever seeking new friends and new dimensions in interpersonal relations, for Tom counted people of so very much more importance than the things of this world, even though this left him vulnerable to the many who sought to take advantage of his giving nature. As an expression of life's true purpose, Tom loved art and beauty and shared his love with his friends and family. Thruly, Tom cherished friendship. He leaves behind his loving father, mother, brother, and a horde of friends of every size, shape, color, and personality type across the globe. Tom will continue to live in our hearts all the days of our lives. \(\psi

Richard R. Holt November 28, 1993



Francisco

Francisco; longtime friend, Jeanette Page of SF; and many dear and loving relatives and friends.

Richard was a graduate of the University of Washington. In his career as an artist, he was known as Max Numbers.

Richard was the founder and principal partner of Far West Communications from 1976 to 1985.

A memorial mass will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. at Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, 455 Fair Oaks, SF. No flowers, please. Contributions to Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church or a favorite AIDS charity. ▼

Raymond Jacobs

May 1948-Dec. 30, 1993



Raymond pion-eered a number

of groundbreaking services at
the Gay Men's
Health Crisis, including the AIDS
prevention and therapeutic recreation
programs, volunteer trainings and the
world's first safer sex video and calendar. These programs have since served
as models for organizations worldwide.
He was a champion for adolescent
HIV prevention and worked especials.

HIV prevention and worked especially hard on behalf of sexual minority ly hard on behalf of sexual minority youth. Ray was a drama therapist and administrator of the AIDS professional program at the Young Adult Institute in Manhattan. A native Californian, he graduated from UCLA and received a master's degree in therapeutic recreation at NYU. In 1983 he went to work for the Gay Men's Health Crisis, where he developed programs for AIDS education and prevention in the public schoools. He was also a member of the AIDS advisory board of NYC's Department of Education.

Ray is survived by his lover, Michael Paley, his parents, Lucy and Lloyd; brothers, Bud and Eddie; and sister, Barbara.

Barbara.

Ray, your life was your stage, and now you are truly a shining star in heaven. We love you and miss you — your San Francisco family. ▼

Lyle Jahnke May 8, 1956-Nov. 28, 1993



of those people who carried the

child within him his entire life. Sweet and funny, he enriched Eric's life in the

and funny, he enriched Eric's life in the same manner during their years here in the Bay Area and Hawaii.

His courage in the face of this dread-ed disease, particularly in his final weeks, when the pain was so great, was

admirable.

A memorial service will be held on December 11 in Bradenton, Florida, where his cremated remains will be placed next to his beloved grandfather. Lyle is survived by his always loving and supportive parents, Arlene and William Jahnke.

Our lives will have a huge void in the place where this wonderful person named Lyle used to be. Be at peace, my sweet angel. I will love you forever.

Preston Wooten Moseley Jr., M.D.

December 2, 1993

n as Woody to his friends, Mr.
Moseley died
Thursday, December 2, of
complications
due to AIDS. A
psychiatrist with



a distinguished Army career, he had recently retired from the

retired from the faculty of U.C. San Francisco Medical School, where he specialized in the field of memory and Alzheimer's disease. While there, he had been published in the journal Clinical Gerontologist on the subject of forming support groups. the journal Clinical Gerontologist on the subject of forming support groups for male caregivers of Alzheimer's pa-tients. He appeared on KPIX-TV, hav-ing his work with Alzheimer's disease profiled by Dr. Nancy Snyderman. Ad-ditionally, he appeared on KTSF-TV, where his work at Chinatown's On Lok Senior Health Services was described to San Francisco's Cantonese-speaking community.

community.

Mr. Moseley graduated from the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta,

Ga., in 1975, where he served as senior class president. His undergraduate degree, in Zoology, was obtained from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1969.

As a proud and loving member of San Francisco's gay community, Woody's many activities included choral, philanthropic and volunteer work. He sang with the SF Symphony Choir in the mid'80s, proudly served with the Stop AIDS Project, and helped coordinate early displays of the NAMES Project's memorial quilts, too many of which represented close, dear friends. He was a loyal member of Trinity Episcopal Church, where he served on the Altar Guild. He supported (and was fed by) Project Open Hand, which was started in Trinity Church's kitchen by Ruth Brinker. Woody spent time in that same kitchen, feeding the needy through Trinity's Homeless Food Program.

Woody cherished his many and

through Trinity's Homeless Food Program.
Woody cherished his many and varied friends, and always had the time to share his knowledge and intrinsic healing powers with them. He was a man of very high aesthetic qualities and loved the fine arts, he attended many ballet, opera, theater and symphony performances. He also was an avid videophile, with an extensive collection of beloved films. He enjoyed the outdoors, haute cuisine at fine restaurants, the cabaret music of Peter Mintun and Sharon McNight. His humor, sharp and refined, shed joyful light on the idiosyn-Sharon McNight. Fits futtion, sharp and refined, shed joyful light on the idiosyncrasies of people's often irrational belief systems and the ironies of life itself. He also enjoyed frequent weekend get-aways to Sonoma County to enjoy the rural peace and company of longtime friends.

aways to Solinda County to Enjoy the rural peace and company of longtime friends.

Mr. Moseley passed extremely peacefully in the company of his friends, enveloped by love, at San Francisco's St. Mary's Hospital, attended by his cherished physician, Dr. Dennis Bouvier. He is survived by legions of friends, associates and colleagues and numerous relatives in North Carolina — and joins in death scores of beloved friends whose memory he reverently venerated in life. The funeral will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, 1668 Bush Street, San Francisco, Saturday, December 11, at 1 p.m. with a reception to follow in the church social hall. ▼

Joe McDonald

March 31, 1948-June 28, 1993

March 31, 1948 - June 28, 1993
Our friend Joe died as a result of
AIDS He passed
away peacefully
at his home
around 8:30 a.m.,
June 28.
Joe was born
and raised in
Bo isseva in,
Manitoba. He
graduated from
Osgood Hall
Law School in
Toronto. He

Toronto. He

Law School in Toronto. He practiced law in San Francisco and became a U.S. citizen in 1986. His fields of expertise were taxes and investments, and he established a highly respected and successful business as a financial planner.

Joe's activities included volunteer work with the pet adoption program of the SPCA, and he was an early member of the Gay Tennis Federation. Joe was a skilled and elegant clogger and a skilled and elegant clogger and a member of the Barbary Coast Cloggers. Surviving Joe are his mother, Margaret McDonald; sister, Sheila Mymryk of Winnipeg, Manitoba; many friends, including Joe's close companion and caregiver, Fred Jacob. We will always remember the lessons Joe taught us through his positive attitude toward living and dying. He danced the dance of life and death gracefully and elegantly. He faced suffering and dying with no fear and no complaints. We will miss his high degree of integrity, keen sense of humor, quick wit, honesty, candor, and good counsel. V

Christopher Stewart Feb. 28, 1954-Nov. 24, 1993

Feb. 28, 1954–Nov. 24, 1993
Christopher Stewart, of San Francisco, passed away on November 24. The cause of death was AIDS.
Christopher was born February 28, 1954, in Philadelphia. He attended college at Temple University, where he studied theater and dance. He performed in numerous college musicals, including West Side Story, before he graduated in 1976. He went to New York to pursue an acting career, studying with the noted Uta Hagen at HB Studios. His work was seen in numerous Off-Broadway productions as well as the leading summer stock theaters on the East Coast. In 1987 he moved to San Francisco.
He is survived by his mother, Marie Stewart, of Philadelphia, and his brother, Charles Stewart, of Yuba City.



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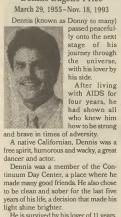
Obituaries

Mark Lambertus December 4, 1993

Our friend Mark Lambertus died last Saturday at his mother's home in Louisville, Ky, after a long struggle with AIDS. Although he lived in San Francisco only a few years until July 1991, his friends will remember him as a talented doctor specializing in infectious diseases, a carefree spirit who loved the Midnight Sun, and a fiercely competitive duplicate bridge player. Mark enjoyed traveling and visiting new places, and he had happy memories of time spent in Paris and Amsterdam. He liked all kinds of music, but one of his favorite songs was Our friend Mark Lambertus died last

Amsterdam. He liked all kinds of music, but one of his favorite songs was Piaf's classic "Je ne regrette rien." Above all, Mark loved being with people and leaves many friends in New York. Los Angeles, and the Bay Area. Mark lived his life with a remarkable combination of stubbornness, vitality, and pure Southern charm. We will miss him. ▼

Dennis Eugene Price March 29, 1955-Nov. 18, 1993



years of his life, a decision that made his light shine brighter.

He is survived by his lover of 11 years, David, his brother, Alan; sister, Linda; and father, Larry; along with a huge family of friends who shared their lives with him.

We will all miss that smile! Contributions to Project Open Hand in his name would be appreciated. Memorial to be announced.

Wade Southwick

April 19, 1960-Oct. 24, 1993

held Wade's hand

known, and the essence continues.

Though his early life was dark and lonely, Wade was able to see the brightness in others and could make anyone feel good about themselves. Those who loved him came from all walks of life. Whether homeless or wealthy, all were welcome.

wealthy, all were welcome.

Wade was like Peter Pan to children
and animals, delighting them with his
charm. In many wonderful ways he, like
Peter Pan, refused to stop seeing the
world as his playground and stage. He
valued both the simple and the

Wade knew how to have fun, but also took pride in his work. Not only did he have a full-time job, but he also coowned an award-winning chocolate business on the Russian River. He was also a devoted lover who found joy in making David happy.

Wade's memory and his love for life will be carried forward in David's heart and in the hearts of Wade's many friends. Wade knew how to have fun, but also

Obituary Policy
Due to an unfortunately large number of obtunates, the Bay Area Reporter has been forced to change its obtunary policy.
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Write name of person on back of photo. If you include a stamped envelope to have the photo returned, please write the person's name on the inside of the envelope flap.

Deadline for all obituaries is Monday

National News

CDC AIDS Hotline Downplays Possible Casual HIV Infection

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Callers to a national AIDS hotline Sunday, December 5, ex-pressed concern about reports of two unprecedented cases of HIV transmission, but experts said they were not revising any information they're pro-

"At this point, there's not a need to offer any additional information, because the cases that came up recently pret-ty much satisfy the current in-formation," said a worker at the National HIV and AIDS Information Service, which answers thousands of calls each day from both citizens and health care professionals.

The hotline worker, who declined to be identified, said experts always had acknowlexperts always had acknowledged the possibility that HIV could — in very rare instances — be transmitted outside the most commonly known routes of infection.

"Basically we know that blood-to-blood contact can result in HIV infection," she said

The two newly reported cases involve a child and a teenager believed to have acquired HIV from another child and teenager living with

them in the same households.

The names and locations of the children have not been identified to protect their pri-

vacy.

Experts who investigated the cases said they found no evidence of the usual modes of HIV transmission — sexual intercourse and intravenous needles—and said they there-fore believed the most likely route of transmission in both new cases was a nosebleed or

a shared razor blade.

The hotline, which uses both public and private fundboth public and private funding to operate a 24-hour toll-free telephone answer service that answers 2,000 to 5,000 calls a day, has fielded numerous calls about the new cases since the reports began being widely circulated Saturday evening, the worker said.

But she said the hotline, partly funded by the U.S. government's Centers for Disease Control, provides only

government: Schlets for Dis-ease Control, provides only facts and would not advise anyone asking how the new cases should affect such deci-sions as those involving in-fected children in schools and

day care centers.
"One of the things that we "One of the things that we never do here at the hotline is give people directives, or give people advice," she said. "We simply give facts that are thoroughly researched by the Centers for Disease Control."

The AIDS hotline number is 1-800-342-2437 for English-speaking callers and 1-800-344-7432 for Spanish-speaking callers. ▼



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GOLETA, CALIFORNIA An independent panel has determined that 34 boys were sexually abused by a dozen Roman Catholic priests at a now-closed seminary that was organized by the Franciscan

The investigation was launched in January by the St. Barbara Province of the Franciscan Order to examine reported molestations that of curred from 1964 to 1987 a St. Anthony's Seminary. At the time, St. Anthony's oper-ated a boarding school for aspiring priests in Santa Bar-bara County.

Twelve priests were identifield as offenders. One had left the order, one died, and an-other's case is still open. A fourth was prosecuted for ourth was prosecuted for oral copulation with a minor in 1989 and sentenced to a year in jail. The other eight priests are currently being treated by therapists.

After the priest's conviction, other boys came forward with allegations of sexual abuse.

abuse.

The seminary opened in 1898 and closed because of financial problems in 1987. ▼

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ADAP Expanded To Cover ddC

United Press International

SACRAMENTO — California's health director announced Tuesday, November 30, that patients infected with HIV will now be able to receive ddC through the state's AIDS Drug Assistance Program, or ADAP.

Kim Belshe said ddC has been added to the list of drugs provided by the state through the program de-signed to help financially strapped Californians pay for treatment to fight the virus.

DdC becomes the third

major drug to be offered through the program, joining AZT and ddl.
"The addition of ddC means that persons who have not been able to tolerate either

AZT or ddl have another option for treatment," Belshe said.

Belshe said 12 additional

Belshe said 12 additional medications used to battle HIV also will join the list as funding becomes available. The ADAP program was established in 1987 to help Californians who have trouble paying for the expensive treatments to fight HIV.



Happy Holidays!

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Health News



Linda Sudak (left) of Women Against Imperialism collects signatures against the birth control drug Depo-Provera at the Women's Way race. (Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

Depo-Provera: Cancer-Causing 'Wonder Drug' for Women, Gays

by Angela Bocage

One in every nine U.S. women may get breast cancer during her lifetime, and even with early detection, survival rates after five years are low. In the face of this epidemic, the question has been raised: do women in communities of do women in communities of color, already afforded scant access to the health system, need any drug that could increase their risk by a factor of four?

A wide spectrum of wom-A wide spectrum of women's health activists say no. The drug in question is Depo-Provera, frequently referred to as "The Shot" or "La Inyeccion." Depo is a hormonal contraceptive that has been rejected as unsafe by the FDA — twice, in 1978 and 1984 — but hastily approved late last year.

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Luz Alvarez Martinez of the National Latina Health Organization says, "The drug hasn't changed" with regard to the threats it poses to life and well-being. Besides breast cancer, these include fatigue, dizziness, headaches, hair loss, severe depression, loss of dizziness, headaches, hair loss, severe depression, loss of libido, abdominal pain, nervousness, and increased risk of cervical cancer, osteoporosis, blood clots in the lungs, and extreme weight gain. Its effects are irreversible for three months following each injection.

The coalition proposing a moratorium on The Shot, un-The coalition proposing a moratorium on The Shot, until safety concerns are adequately addressed, includes NLHO, the National Women's Health Network, the National Asian Women's Health Organization, the Black Women's Health Project, and a host of other organizations. Locally, Women Against Imperialism and the San Francisco chapter of the National Organization for Women, with the support of over a dozen other Bay Area women's groups, began outreach in the past month to inform women about the dangers of The Shot their health care providers may not be mentioning. WAI and SPNOW are also circulating the petition calling for moratorium.

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And there's good reason

for gay men to be concerned, too, as social scientists start coming up with new uses for Depo on males.

How dangerous is it?

Three separate studies — in New Zealand, Costa Rica, and a multinational study conducted by the World Health Organization — suggest that even in countries with lower overall incidence of breast cancer, women on Depo-Provera

A glowing account in the April, 1993 issue of Hippocrates cites the impotence-inducing and libidodampening effects of Depo-provera as a potential boon to the treatment of male ''sex offenders.''

were more prone to developing cancer than those in the control group. In the New Zealand study, the subjects given Depo were from two to four times more likely to develop the disease if their use of the drug "began under age 25 and lasted for two years or more, and for all women who used the drug between the ages of 25 and 34. The highest risk of breast cancer was found in women who used found in women who used Depo-Provera for more than six years between ages twen-

ty-five and thirty-four."
(NWHN)

In the United States, where breast cancer rates are already extremely high, and where environmental risk factors are presumably greater, risks may be correspondingly higher when Depo's irreversible hormonal effects are introduced to the body.

A lavish multi-page ad campaign by Depo manufacturer Upjohn Pharmaceuticals has recently hit women's magazines, illustrated by a delicate women's wristwatch rendered in soothing, warmtoned watercolor washes. The watch's hands point to months rather than hours, and the copy asks, "What if a woman only had to worry about contraception four times a year?" Aside from the other life-threatening effects a woman on Depo might have to worry about, she would also do well to worry about STDs, including AIDS, every time she has sex with a man, according to Linci Comi of Women's Choice Clinic in Oakland. Depo provides no protection from the epidemics of chlamydia and HIV, which is growing fastest among women of color, who are also the most frequent targets for Depo.

Clinicians like Comi fear

Clinicians like Comi fear that if a male partner knows a woman has taken The Shot, he will be more likely to refuse condoms. On the other hand, Comi admits that there may be some cases in which the risks of The Shot may be surprisingly by other risks. the risks of I ne Shot may be outweighed by other risks in a woman's life. "Would she or her children be beaten or killed if her partner knew she was taking birth control? Feminists can't just tell womandor!" was Depar if it's the proposition of the shot of en don't use Depo if it's that or nothing."

To those who would ques-

tion a moratorium on Depo-Provera (because it is, after Provera (because it is, after all, another reproductive choice for women whose options are few) moratorium proponents question, in turn, the meaning of "choice." Linci Comi cites that for women in some Southeast Asian refugee communities, "Depo-Provera

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was the only thing they had ever had available to them. For Planned Parenthood to say, 'we asked these women what they wanted and they said The Shot,' is to continue an international atrocity with good intentions. In the good intentions. In the refugee camps, they were forced to not reproduce. There are cultural issues to be considered when it may be assumed that if the doctor offers it it's being strongly read. fers it, it's being strongly rec-ommended."

Concerns over the degree of freedom with which wom-en choose Depo also hinge upon the amount of informaon they receive. Some qu tion they receive. Some ques-tions have no answers, like what the effect will be on children being breastfed by mothers receiving injections of this powerful hormone. To address others, the National Women's Health Network supports the use of a written consent form with each wom-an to whom the drug is preconsent form with each woman to whom the drug is pre-scribed. "It should include thorough information about the long-term irreversible risks, including cancer and possible bone loss," NWHN suggests. "It should also in-clude information about the short-term side effects. It should spell out clearly that there is no immediate antithere is no immediate anti-dote, and undesirable acute effects can persist for six to ten months after the injec-

tion."
Currently, no such procedures are required. According to Alvarez Martinez, "These technologies are brought out on the market before consent forms are developed, before information is available in anguages other than English There needs to be a minimum of information given, and there has to be an agree-ment about what the minimum information is.'

Why it's a gay issue

Lisa Rudnick of WAI states that her organization considers the Depo-Provera issue important for lesbians because "it involves the debecause "it involves the de-gree of control women have over our own bodies. As a contraceptive method, Depo takes control away from

"Besides." notes Rudnick. "A woman doesn't necessarily come out as lesbian at the beginning of her childbearing years." Additionally, coercive use on incarcerated women, use on incarcerated women, such as that cited below by the Native American Women's Health Education Resource Center, is unlikely to be waived on the basis of sex-

ual identity.

Gay men, too, and other sexual minorities may be co-ercively injected with Depo-Provera if certain officials in law enforcement and correc-tional institutions get their way. A glowing account in the April, 1993 issue of *Hip-*pocrates cites the impotence-inducing and libido-dampen-ing effects of the drug as a po-

tential boon to the treatment of male "sex offenders." Au-thor Anthony Schmitz admits straightforwardly the side effects that men experience in the 132 privately-run sex of-fender programs employing Depo. After noting that "Dogs Depo. After noting that "Dogs and monkeys given large doses have developed cancer," he states, "People taking it routinely gain 15 to 20 pounds, and may also complain of headaches, nightmares, insomnia, and fatigue; blood pressure may rise."

In the same article, Dr. Fred Berlin, a Johns Hopkins psychiatrist in the business of using Depo-Provera on men, believes "Some people can be helped by the drug, if it's part of their overall care." And in Minnesota, where wider use of Depo on sex offenders is under consideration, Assistant Attorney General Norm Coleman sounds an even more op-timistic note: "Our treatment model has been therapy, dis-cussion. We haven't used chemical means. But that's when you could get yourself a car. There are other ways to get around."

Author Schmitz, who cate-

Author Schmitz, who categorizes voyeurism with rape and molestation, calls coercion "a thorny issue." Still, the story of Roger Gauntlett, who pleaded no contest to molesting his 14-year-old daughter, indicates that there is legal recourse for men subjected to what Gauntlett called the "castration by chemical means" of a Depo sentence. For Gauntlett, an appeal to the Michigan Appeals Court won him the ruling that he could not be forced to take Depo-Provera.

Women among the HIV-

Depo-Provera.

Women among the HIV-positive Haitian refugees formerly imprisoned at Guantanamo were not so fortunate. In an excerpt from a heart-breaking letter circulated in the international human rights community, Haitian wife and mother Modess Valny describes her Depo-Provera experience: "We have been forced to remain on Guantanamo because the doctors say I am HIV-positive. I don't know what to believe...Almost eight months ago, the doctors gave me a shot (my lawyer later told me the shot was Depo-provera) that they said would prevent me from getting pregnant and help my Teall court. proveral that they said would prevent me from getting pregnant and help my T-cell count. I was not told about any side effects. Soon after the shot I had my period and went through a box of 24 Tampax every day. Then I started to bleed again only a few days later. This type of bleeding has continued for the entire eight months since I took the shot. I also have severe cramping whenever I bleed. ... As I writhe in agony from the regular cramping, my four-year-old daughter Stephanie watches and my eight-month-old daughter Sunshine cries unattended. Stephanie rarely tended. Stephanie rarely smiles and I wish that she did not have to see me like this.

BIRTH CONTROL YOU THINK ABOUT JUST 4 TIMES A YEAR

Upjohn's ad for Depo-Provera fails to mention the injectible drug's many side effects, not to mention the heightened possibility of breast cancer.

Alvarez Martinez cites Congressional hearings in 1987 where Native Americans spoke out against the custodial use of Depo, then an unap-proved drug, on thousands of incarcerated or developmentally disabled women in the Native community as another example of its potential for coercive abuse. "We become very suspicious. Depo is presented as a very beneficial birth con-trol method, and the studies we've seen convince us that it has not proven to be safe." As the NLHO position paper re-minds us, "We cannot forget that the FDA approved DES, the Dalkon Shield, and breast

implants."

"We have met with [the FDA's David] Kessler and talked about our concern," says Luz Alvarez Martinez. "Early in January, we plan to take our petitions to Kessler, and show him this is not one idealated exemination, but part isolated organization, but part of much more." ▼



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LOS ANGELES — An \$85,000 out-of-court settlement was reached Tuesday, November 30, between a Ventura medical clinic and an HIV-positive man who claims he was refused emergency treatment.

The settlement came just as Salvador Fuentes's federal trial against the Ventura Urgent Care Center was slated to begin in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles.

Fuentes alleged in his lawsuit that Dr. Thelma Reich refused to treat his cut hand in February 1992 because he voluntarily disclosed that he was HIV-positive.

Fuentes also claimed that Reich wrote on a prescription form that she did not treat HIV-positive patients and ordered him to go to a county emergency medical center.

The agreement also orders Reich to undergo AIDS/HIV training.

Deathstyles of The Bitch Infamous

by Jim Provenzano

At a meeting in New York's Gay and Lesbian Community Center a few years ago, hundreds of ordinary concerned folk and activists berated the few New York Times editors who dared to sit on a panel and hear gay and lesbian gripes. One of the points that was clearly made at the time was that the paper. at the time was that the paper
— like most — homogenizes the community and tends to see it as white, upper income, and artificial. "We did not pick our homosexuality out of a

catalogue," one activist told the editors. "We do not have 'lifestyles.' We have lives."

In fairness, it's easy to see how the *Times* might be confused: the same confusion permeates the gay and lesbian community itself. So-called "lifestyle" catalogues and glos-"lifestyle" catalogues and glos-sy magazines that supposedly cater to our lives — but really reflect a parody of some white, upscale, fern bar ver-sion of them — continue to stuff our mailboxes, presum-ably because gays and les-bians keep buying from them. And now, there is something

to add to the mailings that target our fictive constantly-vacationing BMW lifestyle: a taste-free flip side.

The Deathstyle.

The latest concepts in marking — and marketing — the plague include a wide array of inanity. First, the ribbon bracelet, a gold or silver cuff with a sculpted ribbon at tached to the metal ring. The phrase "Until There's a Cure"



Great Pyramid at Giza or Christmas card? You be the

is etched on the metal, as if any queen purchasing such an upscale statement is doomed to wear it until AIDS is a mere memory. It's a brandnew concept: fashion as a sort

new concept: fashion as a sort of penance.
T-shirts have been embossed with thousands of catchy phrases and logos aimed at queers, many with a trend factor too short to last a single laundering. One such horror comes from New York's Bruno Shirt Company: its image, just in time for the its image, just in time for the holidays, is a green triangle "tree" decorated with red rib-

Capture the misery

This design unknowingly captures the misery of the holidays for anyone who has lost loved ones to AIDS, each of which serves as a reminder of which serves as a reminder of our increasingly shortening gift list (and for many of us, our exclusion from holiday celebrations). What we are left with, then, is this angular reminder of a tree, adorned with remembrances of the dead; corpses as decoration. One might as well fill shiny ornaments with the ashes of

one might as well fill shiny ornaments with the ashes of the deceased, if not for an even worse container.

For the ultimate in "death-style" living—er, dying—one need search no further than LifeStyle UrnsTM, the self-described "dignified choice." When you call its toll-free number, this Evansville, Indiana company sends a lovely full-color brochure showing the wide array of ash bins with which to dispose of your loved one, or yourself! Callers get a handy refrigerator magnet, too, presumably so they net, too, presumably so they can think about urns and death while getting juice in

the morning.

The urns themselves resemble big fat candles (in an assortment of natural colors), but instead of a wick, our trademark "lifestyle" lambdas trademark inestyle lambdas are branded on the ceramic top. It's sort of a generic contents label for the confused mourner. "Oh, the gay one. That's mine."

Closet corpses can even be laid to rest in the "Balloons in Flight" model. Instead of a lambda, this design has a small cluster of balloons carved in Light Oak, with one gently floating off heavenward. Thus, as with the rib-

bon bracelet and the ribbon Christmas tree Tshirt, buyers can get double the inane gesture for their dollar (see the melodramatic TV movie Andre's Mother or ask any new age queen about the simpy significance of "releasing balloons").

The problem with the design of "Balloons in Flight"—the least, frankly, of its many problems—is that the floating balloons look like swimming balloons look like swimming balloons look like swimming balloons look or artificial insemination?

Those who purchase these cinder boxes are assured they bon bracelet and the ribbon

cinder boxes are assured they don't need to worry that the cartoons may fade. "Lifestyle Urns Mare permanent memorials made from crushed granites and other natural grantes and other natural components bound together with recycled polymer resin," which, according to the company, "will not biodegrade —

The political funeral option

People in most other countries carry their dead through the streets for hours before they bury them. What hapthey bury them. What happens when Americans do that, wanting to see the dead and to force the uncaring to see them, too? That is happening with increasing frequency — both San Francisco and Sacramento have been the sites of public political furerals lately — but in most

the sites of public political funerals lately — but in most cases, entire crowds of mourners get arrested.

The political funeral (and it is not a political funeral without real remains) is a blunt combo of beyond-ACT UP theatrics and in-yer-face morbidity, with an open casket walk defying both



Spermatozoa? No, they're "Balloons in Flight," the latest addition to the Celebration of Life collection.

metaphor and symbol, and is not accompanied by a memorial T-shirt. It is the thing it rial I-shift. It is the thing itself, death, a prospect that is all too frightening for some people who are too busy pinning ribbons to their jackets and/or "healing" each other with translucent rocks at

gatherings led by fundamentalist christians disguised as healers: the ones who tell the infected HIV is "a gift."

Experts say grief is an unpleasant, but entirely necessary, part of life. To disguise death with marketing techniques not only insults the dead, it robs the living of a healthy, tear-filled process and serves as a complicit tool in the denial of the realities of our plague. If death doesn's serve a purpose, it should at least serve as an annoyance. As one gay man who approached death said, "you better use my body for something angry, because I will have finished with it."

Taken a step further, the PWA who wants to take full control of her/his demise can opt for the usual morphine binge, but what about the memorial and making sure the follow-up celebration of life has a lasting impact? How can anyone be sure that friends will comply with the wish that the memorial's smoking section be in the front row? Or that whoever is in charge will play Marianne Faithful, as requested, and not some cheesy Windham Hill medley?

A very different option

A very different option

The answer, at least for one hilarious (but obviously anonymous) gay man, is to avoid all that and become a fatal terrorist. He points out, fatal terrorist. He points out, with an indeterminate amount of tongue in his cheek, that human bombs have been used since the portable bomb was invented. "Pick out your favorite site," he says, "a center of homo-hate, and take a tour of their hallowed halls, making sure to study the buildings in

their hallowed halls, making sure to study the buildings in advance for structural weak points. Then, while pulling the ignition switch on your belt of dynamite, think of it as a ripcord for the sky dive of eternity."

Ah, the posthumous publicity! The clippings! The CNN loops! Your friends will never forget you, and neither will your enemies, who, un-

will your enemies, who, un-fortunately, may be forced to spend a shard-sharing limbo with you, if you exploded to-

Even so, he says, as fates go, "I'd rather undergo an eternity of outreach than get crammed into a marketing concept."

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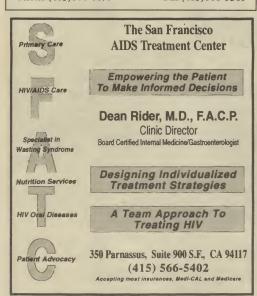
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New Gay 'Red Book' Listing Shows Advertisers Want Gay \$

by Jim Emerson

Gays and lesbians may be increasingly reviled by religious fundamentalists, but they have officially become objects of desire among advertisers and marketers.

This year, advertising agencies that specialize in marketing to lesbians and gays appear in an all-new classification in the current edition of The Standard Directory of Advertising Agencies, published by National Register Publishing Company, in New York. The Agency Red Book, as it is more commonly called, serves as the industry bible for advertising and marketing professionals;

dustry bible for advertising and marketing professionals; any time it adds a new classification, it's proof of an important trend.

Now, for the first time, gays have been recognized as a distinct demographic group for advertising and marketing purposes. Unlike the noisy debate over gays in the military on Pennsylvania Avenue, advertisers and marketers on Madison Avenue are quietly beginning to accept gays as a beginning to accept gays as a "consumer category" without any public controversy or fanfare.

West Hollywood-based aka Communications, Inc. has be-come the first full service ad-vertising and marketing agen-cy to be listed under the new gay category. "This is Madicy to be listed under the new gay category. "This is Madi-son Avenue finally recogniz-ing there is a specific gay market," says Kevin Ray, president of aka Communications. "It's one thing for a market to exist, but now there's a separate market rec-ognized in the Red Book." Lesbians and gays will likely have more advertising

likely have more advertising targeted to them through mainstream and gay media as a result, says Ray, and the ac-knowledgement that gay con-sumers exist can also be ex-pected to accelerate favorable media trends

media trends.
Aka hopes to use its new status in the Red Book to establish itself as a full-service gay ad agency and national media representative for advertisers targeting lesbians and gays through both mainand gays through both main-stream and community publi-cations. Before aka was founded about two years ago, Rivendell Marketing, based in Plainfield, New Jersey, had been the only national adver-tising representative to promote gay-oriented advertising since 1979. However, Rivendell doesn't provide advertis

ing creative services to be list-ed under the new gay agency category in the Red Book. Gay-oriented advertising, like the gay publishing indus-try, has seen remarkable growth and evolution recently. "Within the last two years I'd say the amount of adver-

rising in gay papers has tripled," Ray estimates.

The emergence of several new glossy "lifestyle" magazines for the lesbian and gay zines for the lesbian and gay community has attracted companies to a market they once ignored. Slick magazine new-comers such as Genre, 10 Percent, and Out, all of which have recently entered the national gay market once monopolized by The Advocate, have been the chief beneficiaries of these advertising dollars. The new openness may be because of increased visibility, says Michael Gravois, president of Rivendell Marketing. "The gay community has been talked about more and more in the mainmore and more in the main-stream media," he says, "and advertisers are becoming less wary of advertising directly to gays." Also, he acknowledges, the recession has made it difficult for advertisers to ignore such a vast potential market, estimated at 18.5 million in the

Red Book.

Most mainstream advertis-Most mainstream advertisers, even those that advertise in the gay magazines, remain reluctant to advertise in gay newspapers, but Gravois says that ad outlet is also expanding since the national magazines started overcoming traditional advertising barriers. "There's some trickle-down effect to local gay newspapers." effect to local gay newspa-pers," he says. "The doors of Madison Avenue have been opening more and more."

Subtle to blatant

"Advertising messages targeting gays range from subtle to blatant," says Gravois. He recalls seeing vodka advertising with one man holding up a lobster but eyeing his male companion and saying he's found his date for the evening: it is impossible to know if he is referring to the lobster or to the other guy. Shoe advertiser Kenneth Cole targets gays more openly and uses pictures of gay

ly and uses pictures of gay civil rights demonstrations as a backdrop for its advertising,

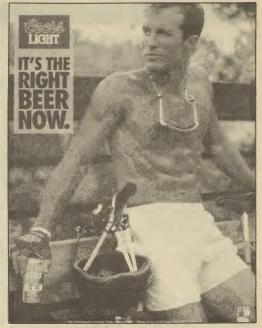
Gravois says. Some homo-erotic ads such as the ones for Calvin Klein menswear are becoming commonplace in mainstream media. "The next step is to see two women or two men who are applying to-gether for a home loan," Ray

gether for a home loan," Ray says.

Ray notes that Chicago's Windy City Times recently made advertising history when it published an ad for First Chicago Bank, which was the first time a bank ever advertised in a general was the first time a bank ever advertised in a gay newspa-per. "I was really thrilled when we broke into the bank market," Ray says. Progressive companies are

beginning to look at gay con-sumers and gay media as a market niche worthy of exmarket niche worthy of exploiting through advertising, which isn't exactly evil in a society based on free enterprise. The list of national advertisers that have run campaigns in the gay press has grown recently to include apparel companies such as Banana Republic, Bennetton, and The Gap. Other brands and companies specifically targeting gays include Absolut Vodka, Miller Beer, Remy Martin Cognac, Elektra Records, and Virgin Atlantic Airways.

Airways.
Some publishers have dropped personals add and other forms of overtly sexual advertising to attract deep-pockets mainstream advertis-ers, Ray says. Although more



Yet another politically incorrect ad targeted at the gay com-

advertisers seem willing to co-exist in publications that publish risque ads. "Sometimes mainstream clients will say 'I don't want to go in a publication with 900 number advertising,' and that's when I point out to them that people are picking up and read. ple are picking up and reading those publications," Ray adds.

adds.

Having developed from humble gossip rags beginnings promoting gay bars, gay newspapers and their publishers have grown to become an indispensable part of the gay communities nationwide to

communicate and influence communicate and influence events. If not, Ray asks, "How else did one million people find out that everybody was going to Washington for the weekend march last spring?"

The future health for gay publications and advertising to gays "looks very good," Ray says. Regardless of what the mainstream press does to improve its coverage of gays, more specialized gay publica-tions will always be the most efficient way to reach the estimated five million gays who regularly read gay publications, he says.

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orientation.

Buttino initially said he was not gay but acknowledged the truth to superiors when he realized he was under formal investigation.

Secret homosexual society

Bradley Benson, the FBI official who initially urged that Buttino's security clearance be revoked, has sworn that he made the recommendation because no one could determine the identity of the anonymous letter writer who outed Buttino—or the motivation behind it.

But FBI security director Gary Stoops testified he recommended Buttino be fired

because Buttino "lacked candor" and did not cooperate with the investigation.

Gayer told the B.A.R. that

Gayer told the B.A.R. that Stoops also apparently believed that the tipster's charge that Buttino belonged to "a secret homosexual society." Gayer's first witness when the civil trial began in Federal Court in San Francisco was former FBI special agent applicant Dana Tillson.

Tillson, a highly regard local private investigator, had scored high in interviews giv-

cal private investigator, had scored high in interviews given by the San Francisco field office but was later rejected for a position after the office was ordered by Washington FBI officials to inquire into her sexual practices — but at the same time, to not ask her directly about her sexual orientation.

Gay GamesTraining Program Getting You Sore?

Try Self-Massage

You Only Have To Talk Yourself Into It

by Dianne Aaronson

Any person, whether sedentary or a sports-nut, can benefit from massage. Unfortunately, most people still seem to view a visit to a massage therapist as a luxury item, like getting a pedicure. Not so.

Regular massage can literally "keep the doctor away" by assisting the circulation of the blood and lymphs in removal of toxins from the system. Toxins removed can be anything from recreational or prescription drugs that have lodged in the tissues, to throw-off wastes, such as lactic acid, that occur naturally during physical exertion and are partially responsible for soreness and fatigue. The cleansing process that massage provides also leaves a person feeling clearer, more energetic and more relaxed. Another obvious benefit of massage is that it is a natural pain reliever. It works better than aspirin, its effects are longer-lasting and there are no negative side effects.

Unfortunately, not everyone is inclined to visit a massage therapist. Then again, many of us would do it more often if it wasn't such a pricey endeavor. Also, as those of us who love massage can attest, it's not always easy to coerce a friend or lover into giving us those much needed massages, at least not as frequently as we'd like. Therefore, I've put together a few easy self-massage techniques that you can practice solo. Admittedly, self-massage is not quite as fun, and certainly not as relaxing, but it can come in handy.

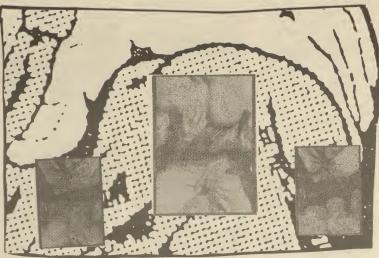
Acupressure Points

Certain massage techniques have probably come about out of common sense things that people intuitively do when they have an ache or a pain. Acupressure is a case in point. I'm sure all of you at one time or another have dug your thumb into some part of your body that was in pain or

telt extra tight. Perhaps, once you'd dug into that sore point you made a little circle with that finger or thumb and continued to concentrate on that one area. This is acupressure, a technique used in Shiatsu, Jin Shin Do and Trigger Point Therapy. Though a complete list of all the potential points would require a couple of books and lots of diagrams with circles and arrows (or a massage class), there are a few common sites that you should know about. Anyone who suffers from sinus trouble and/or neck and shoulder pain (and they often go together) can get some relief by using acupressure on their face, back of the head, neck and shoulders. Some spots may be more sore than others. When in doubt, I go for the really sore spots because I figure that's where my body needs work. Sinus sufferers should start by using

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both hands and applying pressure to the spaces between the corner of their eyes and the bridge of their nose. Hold each spot a few seconds and apply as much pressure as you can stand. Continue to work down and out on a diagonal line so that you're following the inside of your



(Artwork: Jim Provenzano)

Self-massage (not to be confused with self-abuse) can bring relief to those areas of the body crying out for attention. Knead gently at first, then adjust pressure accordingly.

Self-massage (not to be confucrying out for attention. Knea cheekbones rather than the line of your nose. Next, gently press your thumb or fingertips under your eyebrow bone, once again starting at the bridge of your nose and working out. You can also apply pressure up under your cheekbones as they may be tender also. Next, bring your hands to the back of your neck and find the occipital ridge (the bottom of your skull that meets your neck). Dig up and under the bone with your fingertips. Be gentle at first; it may be really tender as it's a real trigger area for sinuses. If you have neck and shoulder pain, follow the muscle that runs along your neck from your ear to your collar bone (SCM) and then along the top of your shoulder (trapezius). Though applying pressure into your own shoulder muscles can sometimes feel awkward, you can grab a shoulder with your opposite hand and squeeze for the same effect. Another effective and easy-to-find area is the acupuncture point known as' Large Intestine #4, or "The Great Eliminator", because it's said to do just that.

Whether you have a headache, are constipated, or just feel toxic, stimulating this point which can be found in the tender muscle of the web between thumb and forefinger can work wonders. Please note that this point is contraindicated if you are pregnant!

Ma Rollers and Tennis Balls

As you can guess, there are certain areas of the body that are a little difficult to reach or that could use more pressure than we're able to apply ourselves because of leverage disadvantages. But there's hope! Lying on a Ma Roller (a wooden roller that looks like it's a distant cousin of a rolling pin and can be bought in natural food stores) is my desperate measure to breaking up tension in my back when a pair of hands are not available. Similarly, rolling your foot over a smaller version of this, or a tennis ball, can break up a lot of tension. Because you can decide how much of your weight you will put on your foot of back, you can regulate the tension if it hurts too much, but potentially you can apply quite a lot of pressure with this technique. Working on hands or feet is also an excellent way to break up toxic build-up lodged in the tissues.

Cross Fiber Friction

If you have an anatomy-book that shows the musculature and how the different muscle fibers run, you will understand what this term means and be able to use the technique. A word of caution where injuries are concerned, however. Cross fiber friction by a non-professional should be avoided if injury and/or inflammation is suspected — as you could make the injury worse. If it hurts, don't do it. In general, however, for those involved in sports, this technique can keep your muscles in good working order. The technique literally involves working across the grain, so

whichever way the fibers run (check that anatomy book) you'll be working ninety degrees to that. In other words, if you cross friction the front of your thigh (whose muscles run lengthwise), you'll be working across the thigh horizontally. Obviously, you can only work with muscles that you can reach. Cross fiber movements help to spread out the muscle fibers and remove adhesions.

Kneading and Effleurage

Unfortunately, the kind of massage strokes that are most efficient in removing toxins are rather hard to do on our own body. Kneading is a little hard to do with only one hand, so we're rather limited regarding body parts (i.e., legs). Effleurage is a long stroke that applies pressure and pushes the circulation toward the heart at the same time. While it is a very important component of massage, it's just one of those things you'll have to rely on someone else for. However, the principles can still be applied. If, for instance, you feel that you retain water in your ankles or legs, you can grab your ankle with both hands, apply pressure, and push up along your leg towards the knee until you can no longer maintain the hand pressure.

Massage can be a very powerful tool. Please have respect for this fact and use it accordingly. Respect your pain limits and body signals. Your body will tell you what is "good" pain and what is not. In addition, make sure that you drink lots of water after a self-massage session. This will ensure that any toxins released will be flushed out immediately, circumventing any negative effects. Anyone interested in further reading can find many good books in the massage section of the larger bookstores. Two excellent examples are Pain Erasure by Bonnie Prudden and Athletic Massage by Rich Phaigh and Paul Perry.

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Backwater Bigots Vs. High Tech Gays

by Michael C. Botkin

pple Computer Inc. agot an unlooked-for snub from William son County in Texas last week when the county commissioners voted 3 to 2 to deny them routine tax abatements, citing their gay-positive domestic partner benefits program as the worm in the Apple. The decision frustrated years of frenzied wooing by Texas Governor Ann Richards, who'd hoped to promote her state as a new Silicon Valley. It provided something of a moral victory for the homophobes of Williamson County (at least until the deny them routine tax abate-

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commission reversed itself a week later) but one that left many people marveling at their self-destructive indul-

their self-destructive indul-gence in prejudice.

It's unlikely that Apple would have lost anything by the flap, even if the commis-sion had held its fallow ground. It's true the company did invest a nice bundle of money on researching the Williamson County site, but that could be chalked up to

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social research as it were, a somewhat expensive study to determine if a high-tech in-dustry can profitably locate in a lowbrow backwater to take advantage of low wages (pre-liminary results suggest no). When the issue of Apple's

raised as a sticking point, the company made it clear that there was no possibility that it would be changed or limit-

it would be changed or limited among Texas employees. Indeed, Apple had little choice. The Silicon Valley computer culture is heavily queer. A high-tech company unable to attract and keep gays is comparable to a law firm with a bad reputation among Jews: you can still find workers, but you're cutting yourself off from a significant pool of talent. It's not clear why gays are so often found

in high-tech industries; per-haps it's just the correlation of gay and urban cultures. But the phenomenon is clear enough to those in the business, and explains why companies like Apple have been so gay-positive with their benefits.

efits.

Apple also has many queer customers, and had just started targeting advertising to the gay community. The fear of boycott, the certainty that many of their workers would feel betrayed, and the need to not lose face before a bunch of backwater bigots all combined to pressure the company to hang tough. Now it has reaped a public relations bonanza of good will from grateful gays and come out looking tough, smart, and principled tough, smart, and principled — an unusual combination in an unusual combination in the business world. And, in the end, it got the tax break

"There's the man ... "

Despite the current back-lash against gay rights, sparked by the failure to lift the ban on gays in the mili-tary and since ratified by the passage of numerous anti-gay initiatives (to say nothing of the threefold rise in queer bashing), there wasn't a tremendous outpouring of public support for Apple's persecution even in Texas. Some local homophobes warned of skyrocketing health costs, presumably from AIDS, and of an influx of perverts from Austin, the gay ur ban mecca of Texas and the town where Apple opened an

interim site.

But most folk seemed aware that the county, when it rejected the computer company because of its tolerance, was clinging to a poverty-stricken, prejudice-laden past at the cost of moving into a profitable high-tech future. Since the project was likely to produce thousands of local jobs and pump millions of dollars into the regional economy, the commissioners appeared to be ignorant rubes who'd cut off their noses to

spite their faces.
Two of the three commis-Two of the three commissioners had made their antigay stand clear some time ago, but the ultimate swing voter sat on the fence until the last possible moment. He finally justified his joining the homophobes by saying that he was afraid to go to church if he voted for the tax abatements. that people would ments, that people would point at him and say, "There's the man who brought homo-sexuals to Williamson Coun-

(Really, is bringing queers into a community necessarily all bad? What about the likely



influx of hair salons, flower shops, and general tastefulness? Why not found the International Judy Garland Memorial in Williamson County and just count the gay dollars all the way to church? He makes us sound like cooties instead of resourceful workers. good citizens and

workers, good citizens and dedicated shoppers!)

Mind you, he didn't say he thought his vote was the right one, or that he thought it was one, or that he thought it was best for the county, or that it had to be done out of personal principle. In fact, he glumly suggested the opposite, that he thought it was going to cost them plenty and it wasn't in accord with his personal beliefs, but that he had to yield to social pressure from his co-religionists lest they

make his life a living hell. On such moral wimps depends public policy, tax abatements and, ultimately, domestic partner benefits.

Bigotry and backwardness

Ultimately, the showdown was a public relations victory was a public relations victory for our side. While voters across the nation have showed a willingness to promote bigotry and to shoot down gay rights measures, most people feel differently about persecuting private businesses just because they promote tolerance. They'd vote against guaranteeing full job rights for homosexuals (Would you want one as a teacher? As your dentist? Serving your food?) but don't support punishing companies that voluntarily allow gays. It's a subtle difference but a real one, and a rather limited form of support — albeit bet-

form of support — albeit better than nothing.

No one denies that the Williamson County commissioners were within their rights when they blew off Apple. But they sure looked like a bunch of ignorant fools and terrible businessmen. Their decision linked homophobic bigotry with economic backwardness in a starkly revealing manner. It reinforced the growing notion that religious style prejudice is incompatigrowing notion that religious-style prejudice is incompati-ble with modern, high-tech society. The churchy bigots are welcome to stay in the 19th century if they want, but few of their fellow citizens will care to join them.

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Over the weekend the Austin Over the weekend the Austin American Statesman released a poll it conducted that said 50 percent of those polled opposed the commission's action last week and only 37 percent supported it. The majority was clearly opposed to any interference."

terference."
In fact, Smith said, Commissioner David Hayes, a sur-

prise "no" vote previously, but regarded as the swing vote during the December 7 reconsideration, said he re-ceived many calls from gays and lesbians in Williamson County urging him to change

his vote.
"That's one myth that's dis-"That's one myth that's disposed of forever: that there are no gays in Williamson County," Smith told the B.A.R. "That, in and of itself, is a victory." \[
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World Briefs

Brazilians Defend Gays Against Skinheads

RIO DE JANEIRO — A group of skinheads in Rio de Janeiro attacked gay demonstrators Wednesday, December 1, with sticks, chains, and stones, but were chased off and nearly

with sticks, chains, and stones, but were chased off and nearly lynched by angry passersby.

The group of gays were demonstrating in downtown Rio, handing out condoms to mark World AIDS Day when the skinheads — known in Brazil as "carecas" — attacked them.

Passersby got between the demonstrators and their attackers and began shouting for the police.

Security guards from the nearby Cinelandia subway station moved against the skinheads, but in the end had to protect them from the crowd that tried to lynch them in the square.

Police said they detained seven skinheads for aggression in a public place and resisting arrest, but no formal complaints were filled.

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Burma Reports Almost 6,000 HIV Cases

BANGKOK — Burmese government figures show the country has almost 6,000 people known to be infected with HIV and 133 cases of full-blown AIDS. The numbers are a fraction of the estimates of some international experts, who believe that politically isolated Burma is not receiving the assistance it needs to cope with the disease.

- United Press International

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BEJING — Chinese health experts predicted more than 100,000 people could be infected with HIV over the next six years with at least 20,000 developing AIDS, official media reported Thursday, December 2.

At a conference in Beijing to mark World AIDS Day, Ministry of Public Health officials quoted in the official China Daily said that without immediate action, "AIDS will become rampant on China's mainland in the coming six years."

"Experts] estimated that more than 100,000 mainland Chinese will be infected by the HIV virus at the turn of the century, with some 20,000 of the cases having developed full-blown AIDS," the article said.

Ying Dakui, Deputy Minister for Public Health, told the conference that 1,159 people, 222 of them from overseas, are known to be infected with HIV. At least 19 now have full-blown AIDS, and 14 others are known to have died of the disease. But Ying said these figures were extracted from a very small survey of 2.3 million people and that the actual number of HIV-positive Chinese could range between 5,000 and 10,000. The conference also marked the establishment of a National Association for Sexually Transmitted Diseases and AIDS Control and Prevention to combat the country's growing numbers infected with the disease.

The official Xinhua news agency quoted a provincial epidemic prevention station official as saying that the South China Guangdong province faces "a serious spread of the deadly disease," with 82 reported HIV-positive residents. Guangdong would become China's second largest AIDS epidemic area after neighboring Yunnan province, it said.

The Guangdong government has begun a crackdown on prostitution and drug abuse in a bid to control the outbreak, established centers for sexually transmitted diseases, set up province-wide monitoring networks, and would soon open an AIDS information hotline, Xinhua said.

— United Press International

Indonesia To Require Condoms for Johns

JAKARTA — In an effort to halt the spread of AIDS, the Indonesian government plans to require men entering areas frequented by prostitutes to carry condoms, the official news agency Antara reported Wednesday, December 1.

Haryono Suyono, the minister of population and chief of the country's family planning coordinating board, told reporters that his office will contribute to the new efforts to combat AIDS.

"Carrying condoms would also be required for males who visit ... the prostitution areas," Suyono said.

Official figures showed that 177 people have become infected with HIV since the first case was reported in 1987. Of those, 42 people have been diagnosed with full-blown AIDS and 25 have died.

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However, Health Minister Suyudi said Monday that the actual number of Indonesians infected with HIV may be 100 times higher. A senior minister even warned that without prevention programs, the number of cases could potentially jump to 500,000 in the next two years.

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support admitted that condoins are not ravored by the community, but said they are necessary to prevent the spread of AIDS, especially for men who frequent prostitutes.

A presidential decree announcing new efforts at combatting the disease is expected by the end of year.

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Kenya: 10 Percent May Be HIV-Positive

A grim report predicts five million Kenyans will die of AIDS by the year 2000. The study by the United Nations Development Program in Nairobi calls for an additional 80,000 beds to accommodate the new AIDS patients. A senior Kenyan official, Stephen Karaba, says, "We are no longer dealing with an epidemic in its early phase, but with a tragic reality that will have serious effect on the lives of Kenyans over the coming decade and beyond."

Karaba says an estimated ten percent of the nation's adult population is already infected with HIV.

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The Stop **AIDS Shirt**

by Dennis Conkin

There's nothing new about wearing a shirt with a statement: virtually everyone in San Francisco already has a T-shirt that addresses the AIDS pandemic in some way. But men and women who are too reticent to wear "Silence = Death" or "Safe Sex is Hot Sex" may be interested to learn there is something new to hang in their closets.

The AIDS Emergency Fund will receive a portion of

The AIDS Emergency Fund will receive a portion of the proceeds of a new "STOP AIDS shirt" manufactured by Eton of Sweden, now being sold exclusively in San Francisco at Tailored Man, located at 342 Stockton Street. Retailing at \$225 each, these are not activist wear. They are dress ing at \$225 each, these are not activist wear. They are dress shirts that can be worn in any boardroom — and maybe they should be, considering their subliminal message.

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AEF provides direct financial assistance to clients with disabling HIV and AIDS. Last year 95 percent of the money raised by AEF went directly to pay clients' bills. For more information about AEF programs contact 441-4407 AEF programs contact 441-6407. ▼

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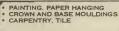
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Greta isn't-she-lovely Garbo

German Version of 'Anna Christie' Resurfaces

Garbo Talks! (Twice)

by Daniel Mangin

ver wonder what kind of pictures Hollywood might have made were their primary audience not American? The dual MGM productions, one in German and one Fugues of Eugene O'Neil's English, of Eugene O'Neill's

Anna Christie provide clues

about that studio's perception

of its domestic patrons and the

strategies it employed to appeal to the greatest number of

peal to the greatest number.

The two editions, which represented Greta Garbo's talking picture debut — Garbo Talks! was the publicity angle — were shot one right after the other in 1930, with different directors Clarence Brown ent directors (Clarence Brown

for the English-language, Jacques Feyder for the Ger-man) and, excepting its star,

casts.
O'Neill's Pulitzer Prize winning play about the Swedish captain of a New York coal barge who is visited by his long-lost (and unbeknown to him) prostitute of a daughter was an astute selec-tion by Garbo's studio. Ner-vous that sound might end the career of its premier fe-male star, MGM had kept her away from the microphones as long as possible, a move that, it turned out, spared her the perils of the early sound

process.

By the time the Great One spoke, recording techniques had improved somewhat, allowing for richer tonal quality and also greater freedom of movement for the actors, who in 1928 and 1929 especially, were slaves to mike placement. Beyond that, although the role incorporated a few long monologues and the use of American slang, the characteristics. of American slang, the charac-ter was Swedish, which ren-dered Garbo's accent an authentic touch rather than a liability.

Darker Feel

Overall, the just "rediscov-Overall, the just "rediscovered" German version, which Garbo is said to have preferred, is a tighter production, more briskly directed (the Feyder clocks in at 80 minutes versus Brown's 92-minute opus), and with a far better visual flow.

Feyder's picture has a slightly darker feel to it. Recent claims that he "deglamorized" Garbo overstate the case — Billy Daniels, who case — Billy Daniels, who helped create the famed Garbo look in Flesh and the Devil, Camille and other films, photographed both versions and starmaker Louis B. Mayard Louis a watchful eye on the er kept a watchful eye on the proceedings — but Feyder clearly was permitted, particularly in the introductory scenes, to accentuate the toll Anna's profession had taken

on her.

Garbo looks downright sluttish, with dark circles under her eyes, when she first appears at the bar in his production. Less haggard and more homely in the Brown, she begins to echo the innocent Anna of O'Neill's original draft of the play, Chris Christopherson, who was not a whore but a tynise.

a whore but a typist.

Several factors may have led to a more successful Feyder production (though Brown's more stagy rendition Brown's more stagy rendition was by no means a failure). Feyder was arguably a better director than Brown. Garbo was more at ease with German, which she spoke fluently. By the time she filmed in German, she was undoubtedly more familiar with both her role and the sound recording process.

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Comic Scott Capurro Enjoys Sweet Smell of Success

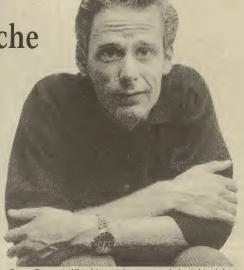
Carving a Comic Niche

by Chad Jones

or gay comic Scott Capurro, 1993 has been a banner year. Considering the vagaries of show business, the 30-year-old comic's career has taken off in a big way in a relatively short period of time. As one of the only gay comedians. in a big way in a relatively short period of time. As one of the only gay comedians "middling" (performing the middle of three sets) in comedy clubs across the country, Capurro, along with comedy stars Lea Delaria, Marga Gomez and Mark Davis, is among the vanguard of the currently hip gay comedy scene. He's even scored a major movie coup, a small but highly visible role in the new Robin Williams hit, Mrs. Doubtfire. To cap off what has already been a busy year, Capurro will write, direct and star in Risk-Gay, his first one-man show, which premieres at Josie's on Dec. 14.

Capurro's success is some-

Capurro's success is some-what surprising, considering he's only been a serious comic for two years. He made his debut as an all-out queer comic at the same time that Josie's Cabaret began making a name for itself in San Francisco's queer community. Al-though he cut his comedic teeth as a teenager doing stand-up at open-mike nights in San Francisco, Bay Area-native Capurro originally opted to pursue a more theatrical career path: he wanted to be an actor. During and after col-lege in LA, Capurro per-



Scott Capurro: "Lesbian and gay comedy is so hip right now because all the media and Hollywood people think it's new, but it's just something they've never seen before."

formed mainly as an actor, doing only an occasional com-edy gig. His material at the time was totally straight. To-tally. "I was very closeted," Capurro says. "I told terrible Capurro says. "I told terrible girlfriend jokes like, 'The only kind of girls who'll go out with me are the kind that fart under the sheets and tell me to dive for it.' The audience would stare at me in total disbelief. 'He looks gay, but he says he has a girlfriend.' People know a gay person."

No Assimilationist

Despite his success as a queer comic, the goofily hand-

some Capurro is leery of the fervor that currently sur-rounds gay comedy. Originally slated to appear in the Comedy Central cable special, Out There, Capurro was cut from the final show because of difficulties the show's producers encountered in editing his two sets together. "The ducers encountered in editing his two sets together. "The whole lesbian and gay comedy thing is so hip right now because all the media and Hollywood people think it's new," says Capurro, "but it's just something they've never seen before. They've sucked and zapped everything else out of the system, so they'll (Continued on page 47) (Continued on page 47)

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by Orland Outland

Christian Slater looked awfully cold as he drove across the Golden Gate Bridge in a red Mustang con-vertible last Tuesday night. Geffen Pictures was lensing the climatic scenes of Interview With the Vampire, and this was the only "public" shot on this closed-set production. (Slater was filmed headtion. (Stater was filmen near-ed north — as one onlooker said, "so they didn't have to pay the toll.") A later shot on the bridge itself could be seen only from a helicopter, car, or boat, none of which, alas, Yours Truly possesses.

It wasn't easy getting to e that one shot. When I It wasn't easy getting to see that one shot. When I checked with the city's film office to see if the permit application had been filed, they first suggested I call the film's unit publicist. But have they filed an application, which would be public record? At last: "Yes. They'll be there Tuesday night." I called the unit publicist. "I don't know what time we'll be on the bridge. We'll be all over town that night, we may not be there until 3 or 4 a.m."

A call to Golden Gate

A call to Golden Gate Transit proved that to be a, let's say, "mistruth": Vampire had permission to film on the had permission to film on the bridge from midnight to 4 a.m. — they would not be "starting" at 3. GGT's press rep said 4 a.m. was when bridge crews moved the lane markers to accommodate morning commute traffic. If they aren't done by then, will you have to kick them off?
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Less than a dozen specta-tors were on hand; the studio had kept this event out of the



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city's papers. (Fearing, per-haps, the legions of gay protesters Basic Instinct had when filming up here?) One said he'd read it in the Marin Independent Journal. Well, at least I was the first and only

least I was the first and only journalist to see anything on this film's "closed set" (i.e. no visitors, especially press). Unless, of course, that was another publicist's "mistruth".

People have asked me, why do you write about this so often, why does this movie matter so much? Vampire came out in 1977, a homoerotic book you could buy at Waldenbooks when gay material was confined to dirty bookstores, when Patricia Nell Warren was our liter. Nell Warren was our liter-ary representative. Anne Rice celebratedus; she lived in the Castro, her vampires were closer in spirit to gay men than Warren's cardboard men than Warren's cardboard homos (Rice is also a better writer). We've waited to see that book make it to the screen, hoping we could be snuck into the movies through the back door, through a film version of a bestselling novel. We need to be on that screen; somehow. be on that screen; somehow, being up there forces the world to acknowledge your existence



Gay-friendly goth Anne Rice has celebrated homoerotica in her vampire chronicles

And 16 years later, we were to be left out — excised from the film version of a milestone in our culture, because Tom Cruise didn't want to put his feet of clay into muddy gay waters. This isn't about P.C; it's about a conscious campaign to know conscious campaign to keep our existence out of the cul-tural record. Political change can't come until cultural change can't come until cultural change occurs. Cultural change comes to most of America in the form of pop culture, especially movies. David Geffen and the other gay men involved in this project have no obligation to the gay community to do what's gay community to do what's best for us — but they do have an obligation to the truth. The truth is, we exist, whether movie stars want their names "linked" with "that kind of material" or not. It's no crime to wholly avoid gay material. But to choose gay-themed material to bring gay-themed material to the screen, such as Vampire or The Man Without A Face, and then remove the sames from it, is simply singayness from it, is simply sinful.

Now this column's own "Vampire Chronicle" draws to a close — until the movie released. I shake my head, released. I snake my head, embarrassed for, ashamed of, David Geffen, as we await Hollywood's first movie about homophobia and AIDS—Philadelphia, which is being brought to us not by any of the many powerful gay men in Hollywood, but by a band of concerned heterosexuals



Raising Cain: Setting many gay hearts aflutter with his Superman portrayal is super hunk Dean Cain.

You won't read about this party in the *Chronicle* — the one *Chron* staffers held to celebrate the departure of irascible theater critic Gerald Nachman and hopeless Joel Selvin. While neither pundit's prattling prose will be missed, it's the end of Nachman's personally unpleasant presence at the pa-per that made the staff pause to party.

to party.

The Enquirer says "the good news" is Superman star Dean Cain is getting mucho fan mail; the "bad news" is that most of it is from gay men — perhaps because Cain's face "recently graced the cover of a gay mag [the one you hold] that called him 'the sexiest Superman ever." Hey, guys: ask Jean-Claude Van Damme, Bette Midler, or Madonna what's so "bad" about having a big gay following ... having a big gay following ..



Jean-Claude Van Damme knows the value of a gay following, so say LA leather

The New Republic has an issue out soon with a big piece on the gay rights movement; I haven't seen it yet, but it should be interesting ...

Stop! Don't waste that money seeing The Nutcracker again — go see Jeffrey instead. My mother saw that Pink Section ad with a quote from my Jeffrey review — "How could you tell people to ransom their mothers?!" she chided. "You're just lucky I got to see it for free," I said. V

Is there something you haven't told me? Call 415/995-2342 and spill the beans. Want the dish that didn't fit into the column? Call my voice mail—it's more fun than phone sex, and it's

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from the staff and writers of The Bay Area Reporter

Film

Garbo

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picture was more sensitive. In Brown's film, both George F. Marion (who had essayed Anna's father on the stage) and Marie Dressler, who plays his (until Anna's arrival)

plays his (until Anna's arrival) live-in lover, turn their characters into distinct "types."

Although their interpretations of O'Neill's text are plausible (just barely), the more nuanced approach of their German counterparts suggests that to hold the attention of the American masses, MGM felt it had to keep things light.

A three-minute prelude featuring the drunken Marion and Dressler, not in the play and omitted from the German version, is essentially an extended vaudeville routine that relays no additional insight

relays no additional insight into their relationship — and indeed undercuts it.

indeed undercuts it.
Feyder conveys far more
about these characters with
much less. Two judicious edits and an exchange of
glances between the captain
(played by Theo Shall) and
his mistress (Garbo confidante
Salka Viertel, billed as Salka
Steuerman) communicate a Saka Vieter, thied as Saka Steuerman) communicate a wealth of information: they're lovers, they're wary of each other but do have an emotional bond, they're weak-willed yet may be capable of noble action.

Play Gone Wrong

O'Neill never much liked Anna Christie, feeling that with its happy ending he'd sold out and that he'd used too many tricks of the Broad-



Greta Garbo in Anna Christie, December 10-16 at the Castro

way trade to hold the theatre-going audience. One critic de-scribed *Anna Christie* as a or need Anna Christie as a "play gone wrong," because O'Neill never could decide who the drama was about (Anna or her father) and whether Anna was a hardened whore or an innocent or both.

The character vacillates so The character vacillates so capriciously between cynicism and wide-eyed innocence that her inner core remains elusive. Surprisingly, in the German version, in which she is without question a prostitute, the character comes off as somewhat less of a cynic and more of a romatic than and more of a romantic than and more of a romantic than in the American. In the latter, for just about every remark about love that the ship-wrecked sailor Matt makes to her, Garbo has a snappy, deri-

sive comeback.

Yet despite the inconsistencies of characterization, as tencies of characterization, as a drama Anna Christie is not without insight. Even at less than his best, O'Neill was adept at illuminating humankind's infinite capacity for self-delusion — and for mendacity (in this case by the two men in Anna's life) in the two men in Anna's life) in the

face of delusions shattered.
Feyder's direction of Garbo in the scene in which

Greta Garbo in another classic, Mata Hari.

Anna reveals her past to her father and Matt leads her far away from her usual coolly distant star persona. She's on

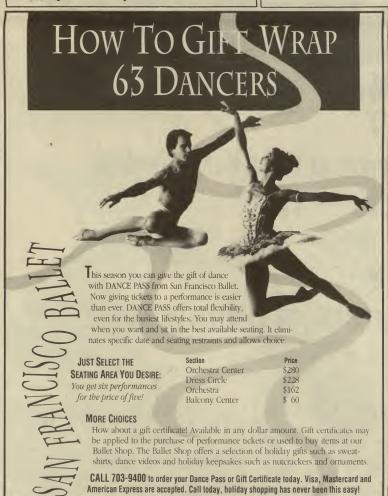
Several factors may have led to a more successful Feyder production of Anna Christie.

them for their stupidity, for projecting their idealizations of purity and goodness onto her, and for scorning her when she proves imperfect. She comes within a hair of overplaying but doesn't.

That Garbo performs this scene so much better for Feyder is owing partly to his skill and partly to her greater fluency in German, but casting is a component as well. Unlike Marion, who with obvious flourishes works to en ous flourishes works to en-dear his character to the audi-ence, his German counterpart plays the father for what he is: a world-weary fellow with mystical ideas about the power of the sea that he uses to mask his inadequacies as a person. The character is more human, which makes the tragedy of his temporary withdrawal from Anna all the more poignant. Here and elsewhere, the

Here and elsewhere, the German-language Anna Christie proves to be superior, remaining truer to the spirit of the drama without undermining the Garbo mystique.

Anna Christie (German version) Castro Theatre, Dec. 10-16 621-6120



Television

Midler Shines in Television Version of Broadway Gem

Comes **Up Roses**

by Alan Frutkin

or channel surfers looking to ride the crest of this year's holiday programming, you need only look as far as CBS and its slick remake of the classic Broadway musical Gypsy. It packs quite a wallop.

Airing this Sunday, Dec. 12, on channel 5 at 8 p.m., Gypsy stars Bette Midler — in what can only be considered a role tailor-made for her — as the obsessed stage mother Mama Rose, whose unachieved dreams of fame take her and her two daughters from vaudeville to the seamy depression-era world of burlesque where daughter Gypsy Rose Lee eventually becomes a star.

With a supporting cast that

Rose Lee eventually becomes a star.

With a supporting cast that includes Peter Riegert (Crossing Delancey) as Herbie, Rose's devoted Vaudeville manager; Cynthia Gibb (The Karen Carpenter Story) as Rose's soon-to-be famous



The Divine Miss M strikes a glamorous, un-Gypsy-like pose.

daughter, Louise; and Christine Ebersole as the aging strip tease dancer Tessie Tura, *Gypsy* rarely disappoints.

Midler's command of the text is musically and emotionally mesmerizing.

Of course, some Broadway die-hards may weigh Midler's performance against those of the incomparable Ethel Mer-man, who originated the role

of Rose in 1959, and Tyne Daly, who recently revived the role on Broadway. But Midler's command of the text, both musically and emotional-

both musically and emotionally, is mesmerizing.

If anything, Midler is too big for the small screen. Her larger than life persona fills every inch of the frame, which, on television, is not always desirable. At the top of the program, the camera zooms in on Rose grinning madly as she pleads with her father (Ed Asner) for a loan. These close-ups overwhelm the viewer and magnify Midler's face, making her look unusually big-toothed.

But Midler's performance is unquestionably a star turn. Her reading of Rose's obsessive nature is completely engrossing. And as the character becomes increasing deeper.

grossing. And as the character becomes increasingly desper-

ate, Midler takes you for a ride down one of Broadway's darkest alleys.

The only drawback to Gypsy is that it's a big musical, and musicals, in general, are not always well suited to television. It's one thing to go from stage to film — a movie theatre's panoramic screen at least gives viewer's the original work's scope — but to cram a show as big as a Broadway musical into a square box is often disconcerting. certing.
Within those confines, di-

rector Emile Ardolino's staging is excellent. Ardolino, who died last month of AIDS, was completely faithful to Arthur Laurents' original book and the score by Jules Styne and Stephen Sondheim. The show's tone is suitably dark and brooding.

Gypsy is top-notch musical theater. Nowhere are production values forfeited for a bottom line. It's a lush and three-dimensional interpretation of what many consider to

tion of what many consider to be the greatest musical of all time.





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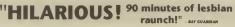
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Phantomania — Or Not

ere's a curious little story. I interviewed Angela Lansbury in 1979, during the run of Sweeney Todd. She confided that her advancing age would soon leave her subbut the stemier agreeses. without the stamina necessary without the stamina necessary to do a Broadway musical and that her last one, her farewell, would be Stephen Sondheim's Sunset Boulevard. But, she asked with grave concern, could Sondheim write music that was romantic enough?

mantic enough?
My answer was an emphatic yes — think of the yearning sweep of "Johanna." But, as in numerous other instances, my opinion had little effect on history, and we all know what happened. Sondheim decided not to do any more adaptations; Angela's "last" Broadway musical was a revival of Mame before she moved on to television; and moved on to television; and the rights to Sunset Boule-vard passed on to Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Productions. A misnomer if ever I heard one.

And now the recording of Mr. Webber's score for Sunset Boulevard is here, and we can properly gauge the loss of a Sondheim version. Lacking the grandeur and scope, the silent screen era romanticism and the dark emotional currents that Sondheim's previrents that Sondheim's previ-ous scores suggest he could have provided, Lloyd Web-ber's version is shallow and repetitive. It is totally generic Webber.

I'm surprised at the composer's lack of response to the rich potential of the story. Although I cannot judge the score's effectiveness in the theatre, where Trevor Nunn's grandiose production may prove momentarily enriching the recording presents the awkward recitatives and com-monplace ballads of a work that is unable to musicalize



Davis Gaines

even the show's famous fi-

Grand Melodrama

But why all this talk of Sunset Boulevard? It is simply that as The Phantom of the Opera prepares to open — finally — in San Francisco, the inadequacies of Sunset Boulevard reveal that Phantom may be Webber's "greatest" score. This may be the perfect moment for us to truly appreciate his grand melodra

In the seven years it has taken to reach us, I'd nearly lost interest in *Phantom*. Listening to records of those through composed, Lloyd Webber-style musicals, I'd dewebber-style musicals, it de-cided that Les Miserables was his best score. The rea-son was obvious: somebody else wrote it. And though bombastic, Les Miz was tuneful, frequently heroic, a even had moments of wit. and

After Phantom opened in New York, an infamous New York Times article savaged the score, naming point blank the sources the composer had plundered: Puccini,

Brigadoon, etc. That was vibrigation, etc. That was vi-cious — and undoubtedly in-correct. Webber, perhaps not the greatest composer, is cer-tainly trying his best, and, I believe, is above (conscious) believe, is plagiarism.

Subterranean Shiver

But not being a particular fan of Webber's work, I ap-proached the recording of *Phantom* with some skepti-cism. However, I liked it from the moment I heard that Halthe moment I heard that Halloweeny cartoon of a title tune, with the corny melody of its title phrase descending to a prolonged, subterranean shiver: "The Phaaaaantom of the Op-er-a is heeeeeere." Absolutely ridiculous music. And absolutely effective.

And absolutely effective.

It was campy, but it was also right: a Victorian era thriller (the original novel is less romantic than suspenseful) reborn as high gothic romance. Webber responded to this script more personally, and with greater personally. this script more personally, and with greater personality, than anything else he's written. Quite simply, he got the sound right, so that his music seems to come from the characters who sing it and not from the pen of a pop-tune writer.

The music of Phantom is The music of *Phantom* is romantic, melodramatic, has moments of grandness, and even (a surprise from Webber) some sexiness. Most important, it is what the story demands. Perhaps the show has been a popular success because it deserves to be one.

Now that the hype — both accolades and accusations — has died down, we may be nas died down, we may be able to see and hear *Phantom* anew, without prejudice. I can't wait. "The Phaaaaaantom of the Opera is heeeeeere!" ▼

Editor's Note: The Phantom of the Opera, now in previews, opens at the Curran Theatre on Sunday, Dec. 12. Tickets at (415) 776-1999 or BASS.

Dance

Keith Hennessy at Josie's

Active Interference

by Wendell Ricketts

now, Bay Area auy now, Bay Area au-diences are used to a kind of performance from Keith Hennessy that defies the conventions of both theatre and theatre criticism. And even though there's a sense that Hennessy there's a sense that Hennessy likes it that way, his revised and updated Sacred Boy —at Josie's through December 12—demonstrates the limitations of convention-shattering.

of convention-shattering.
Framed as an exploration
of a specifically male kind of
cultural desolation, Sacred
Boy is loosely arranged
around one of the most famous Western father-son
myths. "Remember the story?" Henessy croon seally in ry?" Hennessy croons early in Sacred Boy. "Icarus is flying, he goes too close to the sun, and he crashes into the sea.

But then what happens? Go back to sleep. Finish the story." Hennessy has strapped a frail, arched structure onto his back, an undercarriage of sticks bound loosely together, like a ruined kite, with frag-ments of feathers still attached: Icarus' broken wings

Hennessy begins to sing — to wail actually, in fatigue and despair — "Where are my angels? Are you my angel?" The moment poignantly captures the themes of adolescent longing and abandonment that the property this performance.

run through this performance.
When Hennessy stays close
to the heart of work like this, the results can be extraordinary. The Sacred Boy text is unequivocally gorgeous (Hennessy has described it as a "performance poem"), and it is eloquent, haunting, and wry. Hennessy, too, is charming, idiosyncratic, and always unpredictable enough to hold anyone's attention.

Providing Keys The trouble is, Hennessy can't leave well enough alone. Throughout Sacred Boy, he pauses constantly to provide "keys" to the metaphor and meaning behind his actions. During what Hennessy calls the "pre-show," he distinguishes "ritual theatre" from guishes "ritual theatre from work with a plot. He explains that some of his statements may be a symbol of some-thing else or, indeed, may be



Keith Hennessy

intended to invoke their opposites.

In a later section, Hen-

n a later section, Hennessy begins to move to one of Norman Rutherford's bizarre and wonderful vocalizations (it sounds like some sort of demented whale song). Sort of defined whate song. Beforehand, however, Hennessy explains, "This dance is not symbolic of anything. It contains no keys to what came before or what comes

Such asides as these are not merely distracting, they are active interference. Hen-nessy behaves as though he's

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Gay Asian Pacific Alliance's Extravagapa 2

Tableaux Vivants

by Paul Bollwinkel

you're a fan of the clasf you're a fan of the classic theatrical variety show and "Extravagapa 2: Cultural Images," doesn't get you out of the house on a cold Sunday evening, nothing will. The traditional format of this evening of dance and music, to be presented by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance) at the Center for the Arts Dec. 12, serves its presenters well. 12, serves its presenters well, for this is a group whose wide-ranging cultural experience guarantees it can easily surpass the narrow focus of the typical American entertainment revue

Picture a troop of hand-some Asian and Pacific dancers moving in sensual unison to the innovative jazz of local musician, Jon Jang. Or of local musician, Jon Jang. Or another group in traditional garb — masks, batik robes, coronets — interpreting the story of Genesis (with a gay slant) using shadow puppets and intricate Javanese dance movements and gamelan music. Throw in the enchanting grace of the ancient Hula, a scene from Chinese opera, classical Western music, and a campy drag spoof on the classical Western music, and a campy drag spoof on the inanity of Caucasians playing Asians in *Miss Saigon* ("Miss Drag-on") and you begin to see what an inspired and entertaining showcase "Extravagapa," now in its second incarnation, has become.

Multi-Talented

Formed in 1988 to address Formed in 1988 to address issues that affect gay and bisexual Asian and Pacific Island men, GAPA has grown to include a successful AIDS service organization, a politi

cal action committee, and a year-round calendar of social activities that includes the annual "Runway" pageant, featuring the Miss Gapa and Gay turing the Miss Gapa and Gay Asian Pacific Man competi-tion. In addition, GAPA pub-lishes "Lavender Godzilla," a monthly newsletter (pub-lished quarterly as a maga-zine) showcasing literary and artistic talents in the gay Asian community.

With such a broad range of issues and cultures involved, it's little wonder that "Extravagapa" has become the centerpiece of GAPA's outreach to its members, their families and the gay community at large. According to Voltaire Gungab, GAPA Dance Company's artistic director. Gungab, GAPA Dance Company's artistic director, "There's a lot of talent in our organization, but not many opportunities for members to display their talent. What "Extravagapa" does is create the opportunity. I felt we should have both traditional and modern performance be. and modern performances because we are both Asian and American."

This diversity is best show-cased in the evening's two dance numbers. The first, "In cased in the evening's two dance numbers. The first, "In Our Genes," is a commissioned piece choreographed by Bay Area dancer Arturo Fernandez. Seven dancers in jeans and bare feet move through a stylized meditation on the nature of gay male sexual identity. They strike muscle-men poses and drop their wrists in humorous caricature of gender stereotypes. As Jang's "Concerto for Jazz Ensemble and Taiko" builds to a blaring crescendo, their poses lead to flirtations until they form couples and trios and then gently drag and carry each other across the floor. In rehearsal the dancers per



George Viray in *Genesis*, Javanese dance piece.

formed this simple idea with harmony and obvious joy. "Genesis," choreographed by Terence Stark, a founder of the Mythos dance company, combines mask, dance and puppetry. It's described by Stark as "dance drama" and retells the famous Bible story with "Adam as an androgynous being split into two narts"

parts."
Shadow puppets represent the tree of life and the two

human figures, while a dragon stands in for the snake. The dancers, in full costume, surround the scene, creating a

surround the scene, creating a striking tableau.

In addition to the dance segments, the 18-member GAPA Men's Chorus, directed by Randy Kikukawa, will perform songs from their multilingual repertoire, spotlighting Gene Flores, Mr. GAPA 1992, as guest soloist. The Chinese Opera segment, performed with supertitles, is performed with supertitles, is

a traditional male/female love a traditional male/female love scene performed by two men (neither in drag) while a Mozart concerto and dramatic readings round out the evening. Ed Sullivan should have been so lucky. ▼

Editor's Note: Extravagapa 2: Cultural Images will be presented Sunday, December 12, 7 p.m., at the Center for the Arts, Yerba Buena Gardens. For tickets and information, call 282-GAPA.

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terrified you're going to go home having missed the point — an understandable anxiety for anyone who takes his craft seriously, as Hennessy does. Missing the point, however, is an inescapable risk — both in an inescapable risk — both in creating art and in experienc-ing it — but it's almost as if Hennessy is unwilling to al-low his audience to form an impression on its own. In-

It's almost as if Hennessy is unwilling to allow his audience to impression on its own.

stead, he provides nonconsensual Cliff's Notes along the

Community Events

Hennessy clearly views his performances as community events; he has described them as a "self-recovery program" and "group study." That alone is nothing to criticize. Like most things in life, it's flaw-less if you're into it, depress-

less if you're into it, depressing if you're not.

In fact, to the extent that Hennessy's dialogue with the audience is an attempt to forge some new alliance between public and performer, his project is admirable. The difficulty with a piece like Sacred Boy, however, at least as difficulty with a piece like Sa-cred Boy, however, at least as Hennessy has revised it, is that even the most elegant language of inclusion fails to conceal the obvious: There is still an audience, whose mem-bers may not interact in any way they choose; there is still a performer, who has a pre-meditated task to accomplish. The focus is on the stage, and is meant to stay there. Like it or not, that's the venue. The-atre is not, in the best sense of an often abused word, an anarchy.

anarchy.

The result then is mixed. Although it's certainly possible to leave a Hennessy performance feeling challenged and deeply touched, it is equally possible to go away feeling as though you've just attended a church service for a religion you don't really believe in. Sacred Boy, sadly, verges on the latter.

Sacred Boy Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint, through Dec. 12 861-7933

Worldly Matters Matter in Garvey Sculpture, Kiki Exhibit

Earthly Concerns

by Roberto Friedman

n cheerless Laguna Street, just out of reach of the arty sareach of the arty salons and galleries on Hayes Street, two lugubrious sculptures occupy the windows of a performance/video/ art gallery called Theatre Concrete. The sculptures look like something Rodin might have worked up on a bad trip: a human figure, writhing in agony, prone on the floor; the haunted face of

Garvey has created <u>environments</u> which pack a mordant punch particular to our gruesome times.

some downtrodden spirit peering out from under a

peering out from under a black cape. This is the psychic territo-ry of Theatre Concrete's pro-prietor, Frank Garvey, a mul-titalented artist who has de-

veloped his own brand of "social surrealism" with a body of work singular for its expressive intensity and raw grit. With installations of mechanized sculptures, paintings and video such as Infernal Carousel and Cave Canum, Garvey has created environments which pack a mordant punch particular to our gruesome times. He has been compared to Hieronymos Bosch, though his garden promises no earthly delights, only unearthly horror.

Garvey's work stems from surrealism's free associative techniques, but addresses the injustices of late capitalist America with all the vigor of social realism: hence the coinage "social surrealism." Artists of his temperament are often content to set their creative fires ablaze in the realm of the imaginary, for the subconscious landscape yields material enough for a lifetime. But Garvey is com-

yields material enough for a lifetime. But Garvey is com-mitted to portraying prob-lems of public life, as well as interior angst. His exquisitely detailed canvasses and pneu-

detailed canvasses and pneumatically animated sculptures concern themselves with poverty, squalor and desolation, the lot of the underclass. Now the artist has crafted "The Disappeared", a new sculpture heavy and black in its massing and import. A human figure bound to a stake in near crucifixion, "The Disappeared", and the state of the stat



The Disappeared, by Frank Garvey

appeared" commemorates the fallen and the suffering from AIDS. Garvey intends to donate the piece to San Francisco and has proposed siting it in the sunken Harvey Milk Plaza at Castro and Market. To that end, Morphos Gallery

will host a gala benefit tomorrow night, December 10, at 6 p.m. The event serves a dual purpose: to raise funds for the bronzing (estimated at \$7000) of the AIDS memorial sculpture, and to benefit UCSF/Mount Zion's Art for Recovery program. Art for Recovery program. Art for Recovery is an "outsider" art project directed by Cynthia Perlis, who helps AIDS and cancer patients express their experiences through art. Benefit proceeds will go to the program, as well as to UCSF/Mount Zion's HIV Care Unit, and to the memorial sculpture project.

While support and funds are drummed up, "The Disappeared" is on display at Morphos, an expressionist figure neither male nor female, white nor black. Despite its tortured pose, its hands chained behind the back, this archetypal figure still shows archetypal figure still shows strength in its muscular mass-ing our community's heroism in the face of an onslaught of suffering.

The powerful work shares the gallery with a showing of recent work by Arin Wiscomb, a one-time apprentice to Frank Garvey. While Garvey has moved in the direction of social realism, Wiscomb has gravitated towards the abstract. His large canvasses are action paintings, the "automatic writing" of his body as expressed through his physical application of oils. They have titles like Beginner's Mind: Rhythms Out of Line I and are beautiful; a painting like Myth seems illuminated from behind its surface, as if from some spectral source. tral source

A show of black humor and perversely irreverent responses to life during plaguetime has just opened at Kiki gallery. Sick Joke is a deli-

cious assortment of works by fearless artists including Brett fearless artists including Brett Reichman and Nayland Blake, Cary Liebowitz (Candyass) and Laura Brun, all of whom opt for incisive wit over piety and sentiment in approaching AIDS. But the show, subtitled Bitterness, Sarcasm & Irony in the Second AIDS Decade, is not about laughs as much as it is about the creeping morbidity which affects us all. Kiki, a postage stamp-sized gallery which has offered a procession of smart, cutting-edge sion of smart, cutting-edge shows this year, is open Thursday through Saturday, noon through 7 p.m., and can be found at 483 14th Street; call 863-KIKI for information. Sick Joke runs through December 18.

Arin Wiscomb: Recent Paintings remains up in the main gallery at Morphos, 544 Hayes, through January 5, 1994, while works from the UCSF/Mount Zion Art for Recovery program are shown in the back gallery. Theatre Concrete, 613 Laguna, is open on Saturdays, noon to 5 p.m., or by appointment (call 621-4068).

The Gala Benefit Reception for Art for Recovery, UCSF/Mount Zion HIV Care Unit and Frank Garvey's



No, it's not a Christmas ornament, it's a sick joke, from Sick Joke: bitterness, sar-casm, and irony in the Se-cond AIDS Decade.



Color Matrix, by Arin Wiscomb.

AIDS Memorial Sculpture takes place Friday, December 10, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Morphos Gallery, 544 Hayes. Various Hayes Valley businesses, such as Suppenkuche, City Green, E'Space and Momi Toby's Revolution Cafe, are contributing food and services. contributing food and services to the event. Call 626-1936 for information information.



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SF Symphony Ends Strike, Holiday Programs Proceed

Back in the Saddle

by Philip Campbell

fter a tense week of cancelled subscription concerts, San Francisco Symphony musicians returned to work last Sunday in time for the holiday season.

Programs featuring Music Director-Designate Michael Tilson Thomas and film star Debra Winger have not been re-scheduled. Thomas's From the Diary of Anne Frank will, doubtless, find performances sometime after his assumption of full duties in 1995. The rare opportunity to see Winger onstage is probably irretrievable.

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At least, the contract was still in force for the Symphony debut of Norwegian violinist Arve Tellefsen. His handling of the Shostakovich Violin Concerto No. 1 etched an indelible memory of power and concentration, demanding a return visit.

Tellefsen's repertoire includes the concertos of Beethoven, Nielsen and Sibelius, but it shows his trust of Conductor Herbert Blomstedt and the taste of local audiences that he chose

cal audiences that he chose the Shostakovich to introduce himself. The daunting first movement, alone, is virtually a monologue and the rest of the work scarcely allows the soloist a moment's rest. The handsome violinist with ultrarefined technique showed no

The weeks to come may prove tiresome for orchestra members if they suffer from seasonal depression, though a Christmas without Handel's Messiah would be unthinkable.

able.

Davies Hall is already decked with the traditional greenery, including the tall and beautifully ornamented trees. The Colors of Christmas' program featuring Peabo Bryson, Patti Austin, Jeffrey Osborne and Roberta Flack has already warmed the stage as the first concert by the returning musicians, but there are lots more festivities to look forward to.

Sunday, December 12 at 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., comedian Robin Williams joins SFS Youth Orchestra Music Director Alasdair Neale in performances of Prokofiev's delightful Peter and the Wolf. Holiday some and other class. Holiday songs and other classics will fill the remainder of the show. Rent or borrow a kid and go, this should be a

Unlikely stars they may be, but the Canadian Brass has a huge following and they will bring their own brand of spontaneity to Davies at 8:00



Michael Tilson Thomas

p.m., following Williams' afternoon romp. The concert will also include classics and pop favorites.

The mandatory Messiah performances are led by English conductor William Boughton, this year and feature soloists soprano Marvis Martin, mezzo Ruby Philogene, tenor Gregory Cross and baritone James Michael McGuire. Only Boughton and Martin are known to me, but that shouldn't deter the faithful from returning to this ful from returning to this beloved masterpiece for an-

beloved masterpiece for another divine revelation.

One of the most intriguing events of this holiday season is 'A Dave Brubeck Family Christmas.' The legendary jazzman has wowed audiences at the summer 'POPS' and it isn't difficult to imag-

ine a classy Christmas pro

ine a classy Christmas program of original compositions and traditional carols. Thursday, December 16 at 8:00 p.m. Choral music is an essential part of celebrating the holidays and Vance George's wonderful Grammy awardwinning SFS Chorus is the perfect group to catch the glory of the season. Two concerts have been planned, Sunday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 21 at 8:00 p.m.

and Tuesday, December 21 at 8:00 p.m.
Organist David Higgs returns to lead the annual 'Christmas Pipe Dreams' Monday, December 20 and Thursday, December 23.
There will be wonderful music in the air again and it's nice to know the Symphony will be home for the holidays after all. ▼

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Music

Cutting Edge Music

by Philip Campbell

John Adams/Hoodoo Zephyr/ Elektra None-such

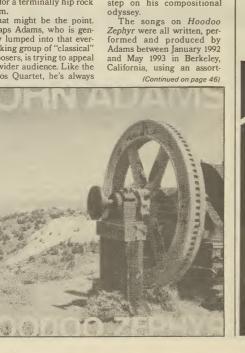
Because there's nothing on the cover of this new Elektra the cover of this new Elektra album to indicate that its composer is the same John Adams who brought us the operas Nixon in China and The Death of Klinghoffer, Hoodoo Zephyr, could easily pass for a terminally hip rock album.

album.

That might be the point.
Perhaps Adams, who is generally lumped into that evershrinking group of "classical" composers, is trying to appeal to a wider audience. Like the Kronos Quartet, he's always

had a flair for showmanship and his hugely successful scores attract everyone from connoisseurs to the merely

curious.
Writing an album for the uninitiated after basking in the limelight of an international career could be taken as either needlessly self-indulgent or an indication of tremendous artistic integrity. Whatever the reasons, Adams has definitely taken a major step on his compositional odyssey.





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Community

Hayes

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of glass jars containing vast of glass jars containing vast quantities of mouth-sized items of various shapes and sizes induce pleasure for both tongue and eye. Sharing shelf space with noveau sophisticatspace with noveau sophisticated chocolate-covered cherries and blueberries you'll find simple licorice buttons, described by counterman Brett Lindell as giving off the "smell of socks."

On the wall over Brett's shoulder-length blonde hair is a magnificent mirror built by the previous occupant of 325.

a magnificent mirror butt by the previous occupant of 325, Robert MacFarland. Before he died of AIDS in the late '80s, MacFarland had con-vinced Nuts owner Bonnie Boren that she should "inher-it" the space which had Boren that she should "inherit" the space which had housed his antique store. Boren remembers him with fond enthusiasm. A 12-year veteran of the Valley, Boren affirms that she and her fellow shopkeepers constitute "a neighborhood, not just a business district". ness district.'

Bespectacled Bibliophile

There is perhaps nothing more neighborly than being welcomed at the door of 333 by a bespectacled sexagenarian who looks like he sprang full-blown from the pages of the pre-Tina Brown New Yorker. Trying to pass for Cantonese because he was born in Canton, Ohio, Richard Hilkert Booksellers, Ltd., be-Hilkert Booksellers, Ltd., be-trays his east coast varsity past by daring to wear longsleeve peppermint pinstripes



They're nuts about nuts, candy and cards: Bonnie Boren, left, Brett Lindell, middle, and Jere

under an argyle sweater vest finished with a navy blue bow tie. On him it looks good. Claiming to house the nation's finest selection of innation's finest selection of in-terior design books, Hilkert is not above climbing a ladder to reveal the shop's racier bits, including aestheticized beefcake along George Platt Lynes, Whatever your vice or virtue, Hilkert seems anachro-nistically willing to find just the thing your significant othe the thing your significant oth-er will take pleasure in offering you.

Across the street at 364 you can ogle some real beef-cake in the flesh at Muscle System. Then it's on to Ivy's at 398 for a pick-me-up and an order of their fabulous french fries (a real bargain at \$2).

The Sound of Wrappers

No holiday shopper can escape that omnipresent thing called Christmas music. Decalled Christmas music. De-termined to fight sound with sound you pull your eager Sugar through the doors of 425, the home of Star Clas-sics, where you can feast your eyes upon row after row of classical, jazz and Broadway CDs—dance and hip-hop are around the corner at Star Al-ley. Owner Diane Dragone says she opened the store be-cause, "I love music." True to her word, she promotes local performers by hosting free lunchtime concerts on Fri-days in a 40-seat recital hall

next door. Intended as brownbag affairs, the series has gone foodless of late since the sound of wrappers tends to drown out the wind instru-

Crossing Hayes Street and backtracking, you can gaze easily upon delicate one-of-akind tree ornaments in the window of 508. While marvelling at the craftsmanship, you may be compelled to solve the mystery. mystery of the store's name — Velvet da Vinci. Clueless? The owners once saw a Perry Mason re-run with characters named Joe da Vinci and Velvet, who was a hooker — I mean sex-worker.

Furniture Time Machine

Da Vinci's metalsmiths, Serena Richardson, Michael Holmes and Elizabeth Shy-Holmes and Elizabeth Shy-pert, opened their mostly jew-elry store two years ago to assuage frustrations about how their work was being shown — or not. The irony is, says Richardson, they now have less time to produce their own work. Hmmm. At least they're making some 50 least they're making some 50 other jewelers happy, 95 percent of them from the Bay Area. Holmes divulged his criteria for selecting the pieces displayed: impeccable technique and seviring design. technique and exciting design.

Continuing the trek up Hayes Street, you and yours are likely to get lost in the

timeless ambience of Zonal, a sort of time machine of furni-ture shops, a paradise of wrought-iron and distressed wood. When owner and ex-New Yorker Russell Pritchard isn't selling "things of character from our next."

Pritchard isn't selling "things of character from our past — reclaimed, restored, refreshed," he's encouraging local artists to fabricate objets with "age and character, newly created."

Leaving your pal to go off and finalize purchases in private, you can either head over to Mad Magda's Russian Tea Room Cafe, across from Zonal, or warm up with a cup of coffee around the corner at Momi Toby's Revolution Cafe at 528 Laguna. Painter Felicia Ferrance started the cafe three months ago and already she's serving liquor. The art she's serving liquor. The art on the walls comes up fresh from downstairs studios, where for \$130 a month where for \$130 a month artists get space, tools and all the coffee they can drink. Momi Toby, whose gnarled likeness graces sidewalk signs directing the caffeine-starved, is a real-life curandera, or shaman, as well as full-time grandmother.

Suitably energized you

grandmother.

Suitably energized, you may want to make your way back along Hayes Street, to take in all the things you missed. Then again, you might think about buying something for someone else.



Music

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ment of synthesizers ranging from the Korg Wavestation to the Yamaha Electone and Lexicon LXP-15.

Surrounded by Deborah O'Grady's evocative photographs of various desert scenes, the printed lyrics seem self-consciously artless, but the music sounds urgent seem self-consciously artless, but the music sounds urgent and motivated. Adams has clearly been listening to Dead Can Dance and other world music rockers, and this would appear to be his contribution to that growing phenomenon.

Some numbers work bet-ter than others and all are flawed by momentary lapses into conventional electronic noodling. Still, Adams maintains his clear, independent tains his clear, independent voice throughout and most of the songs easily support their length. The effects can be haunting and meditative, but the general mood is propul-

re and bright.

Hoodoo deserves a listen.



It proves an aging enfant ter-rible can still rock with the

San Francisco Symphony Berwald/ Sinfonie Serieuse, Symphony No.4 London

Away from the cutting edge, but something of a shocker in its own day, comes Herbert Blomstedt's reappraisal of Franz Berwald's First Symphony, the 'serieuse'. Critics were surprisingly harsh when they encountered the piece in 1842, calling it "incomprehensible" and "bizarre." Listeners today might find it too tame but I might find it too tame, but I

urge closer inspection.

Neeme Jarvi has recorded all four of Berwald's attractive symphonies for Deutsche Grammophon, but the recordings are currently unavailable and are inferior to Blomstedd's more disciplined read. edt's more disciplined read-ings. The Gothenburg Sym-phony Orchestra can't com-

phony Orchestra can't compete with the San Francisco Symphony for lightness of touch or transparency of tone. As always, credit must go to the recording engineers Colin Moorfoot (Symphony No. 1) and John Pellowe (Symphony No. 4). Davies Hall is much improved after last year's acoustic overhaul,

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Profile

Capurro

suck the lifeblood out of this

stuff too, if we're not careful."

Not one to pander to the rising and cresting of a pass-ing fad, Capurro says what gay and lesbian comedians need to do is carve a niche for themselves. "We can never assimilate," he says. "There's no point in trying. We have to

> Capurro is leery of the fervor that currently surrounds gay comedy.

make it in a different way. I don't know that way. Maybe it's doing what I do, comedy in mainstream clubs. I ram it down their throats. Either they listen now, or they listen later, but eventually, they're going to have to listen. I imagine I will be there when that day comes."

When Capurro walks onto the stage of a mainstream (read "straight") stage, he is asking to be shot in the head, whether he's in Fresno or in downtown San Francisco. "You can't determine the acceptance of an audience based "San Francisco is full of tourists, and the suburbs are

tourists, and the suburbs are full of open-minded people. I like suburbs. They need my kind of comedy."
While in Aurora, III. last year, the home of the fictional, albeit culturally accurate, Wayne and Garth, Capurro performed in a comedy club housed within an enormous, spinning, spiraling mall. "I housed within an enormous, spinning, spiraling mall. "I went in there," the comic says, "and talk about big hair. Big hair! You can imagine that I'm not going to have anything in common with these people. But that's my heterophobia." Capurro got up on stage, and immediately the audience knew he was gay. "People aren't stupid," he says. Standing in the spotlight vs. Standing in the spotlight the mike, Capurro could hear the titters and the gig-

gles. "I went into the gay stuff right away. I had them fuck-ing roaring for ten minutes. The club owner was blown away. It was scary for him, and he won't book me again, but I did a good job."

Comic's Dark Side

Like any good comedian, Capurro draws much of his comedy from the darker re-cesses of his mind. The last three years of performing have provided the inspiration for increasingly dark and more complex material. Fre-quently personal in tone this more complex material. Frequently personal in tone, this material contributes to what Capurro calls his edge. On one of his darker nights at Josie's, the comic was on stage talking about his latest relationship, which just happened to be with another comic. The set ended with Capurro stripping down to his underwear and storming off the stage. "I was in a relationship with someone who did not respond to my needs," he explains. "I was in front of an audience that was not listening to me. I thought "What tening to me. I thought 'What the fuck do I have to do?' So I just tore my clothes off." He and his comic boyfriend broke up that night and haven't spoken since. Capurro felt the routine worked, but when he tried to recreate the effect a week later for a dif-ferent audience, it just wasn't the same.

Though his personal life often finds its way into his comedy, Capurro will tell you he really doesn't have one, as the social life of a comedian on the road is almost non-existent. He says he makes occasional attempts at developing sional attempts at developing a life outside of comedy, but saves his concentration for a me outside of comedy, but saves his concentration for work. Some, like the previously mentioned comic, don't appreciate the public exposure. Others don't mind. "I talk about the man I'm seeing now," he says. "It's a problematic relationship anyway. The fact that I talk about it onstage is the least of our problems." Though he bemoans his single status, Capurro bristles at the idea of entering a relationship with another performer. "I'd rather cut my head off with a string than do that," he says. "They're self-centered and egocentric. Maybe a director or a writer, but never an actor. They're a mess." In his upcoming one-man show, Capurro plans to tell the story of his life as a comedian, which could be subtitled, "Why a gay comic goes into straight clubs and tells dick jokes." "People have told me all along that being an openly gay comic is career suicide," says Capurro. "The more people tell me not to do it, the more I want to do it. I want to explore this in my show, this intense need for show, this intense need for the approval of an audience, but not just any audience, the approval and acceptance of a straight audience. The heterosexual rednecks."

Capurro says he would like to get back into theatre and his one-man show is a step in that direction. He also talks in that direction. He also talks about fulfilling his childhood dreams of starring in a musical and writing books. But about one thing he is certain. "I don't know what my future holds, but if I'm doing standup comedy in five years, I

"I was very closeted. I told terrible girlfriend jokes.

(Photo: Marc Geller)

want you to take a gun to my head and make sure my brains fly all the way across the room. I don't want to end up bitter, bitchy and stealing oth-er people's material because I can't write my own. That's what happens. I don't want this to happen to me. I don't

want to lose friends because I hate myself." \blacksquare

Editor's Note: Scott Capurro's one-man show, Risk-Gay, runs Dec. 14 through Dec. 19 at Josie's. Call 861-7933 for

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Music

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but the London/ Decca team has made the orchestra sound

prime throughout its exclusive recording contract.

One could argue that Blomstedt feels a special kinship with the Swedish comsnip with the Swedish com-poser and he probably has been acquainted with the un-expected charms of the sym-phonies for some time. That he communicates his affection and grasp so well, makes this one of the most pleasant of the 17 London releases.

There are pleasant whiffs of Mendelssohn in Berwald and his fondness for surprise twists and sudden interjec-tions predate Carl Nielsen, but he also brings to mind the genius of Schubert.

San Francisco Symphony Schubert/Symphony No.9/London

Speaking of Schubert - the Symphony No. 9 in C major 'Great', joins the sunny Fifth and the 'Unfinished' Eighth in the Blomstedt canon for

London.

Unlike the rest of the series, sound engineer Stanley Goodall has allowed a slightly boomy bass to persist throughout. The problem is easily fixed with some home adjustment, but it's started some of us thinking about the need for another Schubert Ninth. There are plenty of good versions available on CD and some are even budget priced. get priced.

But San Francisco loyalists will not want to skip a release will not want to skip a release and — they may rest assured — this is a considerate and well molded rendition in generally excellent sound. The Overture in C major, 'In the Italian Style', makes an appealing contribution, too. The greatest thing Herbert Blomstedt has done for the Symphony was sign a recording contract. At 17 discs (and counting), the repertoire leaves behind a lasting legacy of Blomstedt's tenure, one

of Blomstedt's tenure, one that ensures international respect. ▼



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Track

Runners Share Cold Weather Training Secrets

Running Weather or Not

By Rick Thoman

Don't let a little rain keep Don't let a little rain keep you from your training. Northern California winters are great opportunities to train, and with the Gay Games only six months away, interested athletes should take every opportunity to train. That means neither rain, or wind, or icy cold, should keep athletes from putting in the preparation now to be their best in the June 1994 Gay Games competition.

tition.

"We've trained through it all," says co-coach and long-time San Francisco Track & Field runner Frank Demby.

"We run in the rain, the cold, in the wind, the fog. Every day of training we can put in brings us closer to our goal of neak performance." peak performance.

San Francisco's own weather oddities have their benefit for athletes. While the SF Track & Field Club may not have the luxury of the sunny, warm training condi-

Dressing properly is the best way to fight the miseries of cold weather training.

tions like Southern California, they also don't have to endure icy streets, blizzards or tracks buried under mountains of snow like athletes in the Mid-

west or back East. While the sun may be shining in one part of town, it could be cold, foggy and windy at just a few miles away. The SFT&FC has learned to be prepared for cold weather throughout the year, not just during the winter months.

How to fight bad weather

Dressing properly is the best way to fight the miseries of cold weather training. Sev-eral layers of lightweight clothing work best, trapping warm air between the layers.

warm air between the layers. And as you heat up, you can unzip or remove layers, always making sure to replace them as the body cools off.

The key is finding a mix of clothing that will trap the natural body heat produced while training, yet able to vent enough heat to avoid overheating. Polypropylene is an excellent winter garment. It absorbs moisture and helps keep the body dry. A dry body is less effected by chilly air than a wet one. air than a wet one.

Cotton fabric breathes, and Cotton fabric breathes, and thermals provide good protection from the cold. But when cotton gets wet, it not only retains water, but it weighs a ton. Synthetic fabrics will keep you warm, but don't breath very well. Nylon doesn't let sweat evaporate and could lead to overheating but it dries faster than other but it dries faster than other "natural" fabrics.

Don't forget your head

Remember to protect all parts of your body from cold air. This includes the head, where an amazing amount of heat escapes. Wear a hat (preferably one with 'vents'), particularly if you're balding or have close cropped hair. Hands and feet and genitals (!) are extremely susceptible to frosthite so make sure they frostbite, so make sure they are well protected. Wool mittens and socks will keep you

warmer than cotton.
Also, make sure your body is properly warmed up. Stretch and get your heart pumping before attempting any strenuous sprint work. You may need to warm-up twice as long to train in cold weather as you would on a

Watch out for slick surfaces. Even "all-weather" tracks can be dangerous when wet. A good rule to remember is when it is wet out, slow things down

The wind can drain you

Learn to respect the wind because it drains body heat faster than you may realize. And don't worry about cold air "freezing" your lungs. The upper air passages in the body warm the air you breath so cold air never reaches the lungs.

If the weather seems too

If the weather seems too intense to attempt outdoor training, go to a well equipped gym for alternative workouts. Treadmills, stationary cycles, and stair climbers can provide as much cardiovascular activity as your outdoor workout may provide. Remember, your body will heat up as you workout. But

heat up as you workout. But give it a head start by dress-ing warmly (preferably in lay-ers). Stretch and warm-up ers). Stretch and warm-up properly before strenuous training and get in out of the cold before your body cools down. The important thing is to continue striving towards your fitness goals without let-ting the weather stand in your way.



SF Track and Field Training Schedule for Winter

The San Francisco Track & Field Club holds training sessions on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6 p.m. beginning January 4, and continues workouts on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. All training takes place at the sometimes cold and windy Kezar Stadium track. For more information about the SFT&FC, or track & field registration for Gay Games IV, or the Club's fund-raising hotel and travel package, call Rick at (415) 550-7966.



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More Sports On Page 56



Either they just finished running, or it was a warm day when this photo was shot. Left is SFT&FC member Michele Lewis, and right is Valerie Scott. (Photo: Rick Thoman)

San Francisco's Tenth Annual International Gay **Bowling Tournament**

by Miyeko Keen

Bowling has no ill effects, according to Don George, a gay bowling organizer helping to put together the January 1994 Bud Light Golden Gate Classic, the tenth in a series of international lesbian and gay bowling terrape ries of international lesbian and gay bowling tournaments. He explains, "There's no sore arms," but then admits, a moment later, that one might get blisters from wearing the wrong size bowling shoes, or finger blisters from using balls with holes that are too small too small.

Despite the possibility of blisters, people love bowling.

More people love bowling More people love bowling than many other sports. The International Gay Bowling Organization is now the largest gay sports organization in the world, with over 17,000 members from over 100 cities. At the Vancouver 1990 Gay Games, there were over 900 bowlers, approximately a seventh of the total number of athletes involved. Every week, over a thousand Every week, over a thousand lesbians and gays head for Bay Area bowling alleys to bowl in lesbian and gay leagues in San Francisco, the East Bay, on the Peninsula, and in San Jose. "About 700 people participate in the San Francisco leagues," says Don

George.

Why is bowling so popular? Competition is not the most driving force in most recreational bowling, explains recreational bowling, explains George, who attributes bowling's popularity to the fact that, "It's social hour." George says, "You don't have to be good, and you have just as good of a time if you bowl well or badly."

Take on bowlers from everywhere

Local bowlers and bowling Local bowlers and bowling admires will have a chance to go up against the bowlers from all over the world during the tenth International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO) tournament over the Martin Luther King Holiday weekend, on January 14, 15, and 16. The Bud Light Golden Gate Classic (GGC), is sponsored by the local lesbian and gay bowlers, and will feature. sponsored by the local lesional and gay bowlers, and will feature one of the largest guaranteed prize funds of any gay bowling event in history. The total of cash prizes offered is over \$5,000.

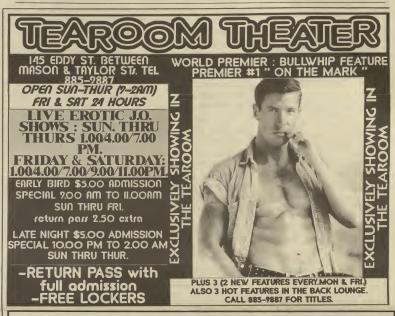
Event organizers are encouraging people to enter early, because this is one of the most popular of all the IGBO tournaments. "We are expecting close to 400 bowlers from over 45 cities throughout the ing close to 400 bowlers from over 45 cities throughout the U.S., Canada, Australia, and New Zealand to participate." says George, "The addition of our new scratch format, our guaranteed prize fund, and our 10th anniversary celebration should give us the largest participation that we have had in years, if not the largest."

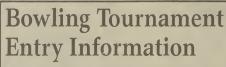
Scratch bowling action

Scratch bowling means in-Scratch bowling means individuals bowl without handicap pins, a traditional way of competition between bowlers of comparable averages. Teams for the regular tournament play will consist of four people using a handicap based on 80 percent of the difference between the bowler's based on 80 percent of the dif-ference between the bowler's average and 210. The high-light of the Bud Light Golden Gate Classic will be the scratch event, held on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. Eight bowlers will qualify for this event in each division by using their nine game scratch totals from their singles, doubles and team events in the GGC. Here's a run-down on the diteam events in the GGC. Here's a run-down on the divisions: Division A is for bowlers with averages of 190 and above; Division B for bowlers with averages of 175-189; Division C for 150-174; 189; Division C for 150-174; and Division D for those carrying and average of 149 and below. The qualifiers will bowl one match game against each of the other seven qualifiers in their division. A winner of each match will receive a 30-pin bonus added to thers in their division. A winner of each match will receive a 30-pin bonus added to his/her score; the loser will receive no additional pins. A total pin count will determine the four Scratch Division Champions. Tim Benton, director of the Scratch Masters event, explains that an event such as this is long overdue. "This provides a forum for some of the more competitive bowlers on the IGBO circuit and gives those with lower averages an opportunity to test their bowling skills," says Benton.

The IGBO circuit is large, with North American cities playing host approximately 40 tournaments taking place throughout the country each year.







by Miyeko Keen

The Bud Light Golden Gate Classic opens Friday evening, January 14, at Classic Bowling Center, located just south of San Francisco in Daly City. You can register for the tournament in two dif-ferent places, starting at 600 ferent places: starting at 6:00 p.m. in the tournament's host hotel, the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn on Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco; and at the Daly City Classic Bowling the Daily City Classic Bowling Center. Early arrivals at the Dally City Classic Bowing Center can participate in a re-duced rates practice squad

from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The first team squad begins at 9:00 p.m. The event will continue on Saturday, January 15, with the single and doubles squads at 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and the second team squad at 9:00 p.m. The final team squad will be held on Sunday, January 16, at 9:00 a.m.

The deadline for the Bud Light Golden Gate Classic entry is December 28, 1993. Interested parties should contact Directors Don George (415) 255-9401 or D J Momme at (415) 647-7824.



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BarTalk ads are active from Dec. 9-15. Available only in the Bay Area on touch-tone phones. Each call is just .98¢ per minute. You must be at least 18 years old.

1-900-844-2227

Women seeking adventure

LWF BI/BI, 35 seeks handsome dyke who pack a hard dick sense of humor. Imagination and smoke + drink etc ok no loosers, anger, men!! EXT 1708.

Men seeking relationships

I wear panties cause I've got slim femme legs, cute buns. Older GWM needs sex. Small cocks open my mouth and spread my buns. Hivneg. EXT 1667.

Honest, simple, passionate, 30, 6'1', 200, Pac. Islander loves life, family and tradition. If you're sweet and sincere, let's meet. EXT 1668.

Attractive 44yo BB looking for younger, shorter muscle boy. Rel poss with 5'10', 210, I of comp muscle. Call with details. EXt 1669.

35yo GWM, big guy, 6'3', 310, BI/Br looking for GM between 26-34, gdlkng, good shape who loves Johr Goodman types. EXT 1671.

GWM, 32, 6', 175, , clean shaven seeks friendships/relationship. Contra Costa Area. Warped sense of humor appreciated! EXT 1672.

All bright, handsome, in shape, stable, 25-35 who desire privac with this 37yo catch, call me., very stable and ready to settle down. EXT 1676

GWM, 37, 5'9', 145, Lt. Br/Bl seeks hunky, cuddly, hairy, bearded bear for affection and fun. Must be intelligent, masculine, nonsmoker and drug free. EXT 1674.

GWM 32, yng boyish lks and qualities, 5'10', 180, fun lvng, rom bttm. Sks masc top, 30-40, 6'plus for dates fun and poss relationship. Must be HIVneg and monogamous. Enjoy social and home life, cooking, travel , movies etc. Be fun and like to party occasionally. EXT 1676.

WOMEN!

Here is how to place a BarTalk Personal ad.

The Basic Formula:

First describe yourself. Be honest so you don't waste your time ,or anybody else s .

Then tell what you are looking for.Be specific but keep in mind that if you're too specific you may limit you r responses

Now that you are in control, list the things you enjoy the most.

It's fun to end and ad with a suggestion on where your would like to go or what you would like to do when you meet.

Now just wait for responses from your potential admirers.

Have fun!

Dad type seeks son or son type for sexual introduction and poss relationship. AM, 46, HIVneg. Bright GWM. All races. EXT 1680.

GWM, 38, 5'10', 170, gym, beard, stache, 43c, 31w, top sks trim bottom into B/D, S/M, very oral. Poss LTR HIVpos, N/S only. EXT 1736.

Attr GBM, 49, well devlp, 6', 170 seeds well bit M over 45 for mutual massage, romance, travel and more. EXT 1738.

GWM, 40ish HIVneg, needs 7' cock sucked, ass massage, light spank and be fucked, slow, also likes to suck and be FF. EXT 1739.

In shape WM, hung big wants well built WM to spread their big hairy bubble butt on his hungry tongue. EXT 1740.

Strong, masc, couple seek younger guy to join us for fun leading to close mental mental and physical relationship. Dominant, EXT 1743.

Pitchin n catchin FF mutl sks 50-50 but buddies. Fit, 58, 5'11', 170, beard, tatts, piercing, hot ass, sensual hands, HIVneg (gloves), 40 plus? EXT 1744.

Big butch bottom GWM, 6', 215, hairy, bear wrestler(soc/159), seeks strong aggressive big dicked top man. My size, 25 plus, any race. EXT 1745.

GWM, 41, GLM, 33, in shape. Looking for GAM or GLM in sha for 3 way sex only. EXT 1746.

E. Bay WM fag, 40 in a wheelchair seeks cute boyish wild young punks 18-30 who like to party. Any race especially Latin/Asians. EXT 1747.

Older cocksucker grovels for twisted butches or muscular pigs. Your penis my mouth. Spit in my face. Totally degrade me. EXT 1748.

WM cocksucker available to service young horny W/LM in need of release. Bi or Str OK. EXT 1749.

Vry gdlkng athletic GWM, 27, 6'1', 175, well built and hung, Hivneg, into hot safe sex. Want to get involved with sex party. Call w/ info. EXT 1750.

Aggressive dominant WM, hung big, 5'11' gym bod nds in shape WM, hairy bubble butt to eat and fuck. hairy bubble EXT 1752.

Psychic? Paranormal exper? Exotic spiritual pursuits? Me too: Lets talk, I'm also traveled: Europe, Asia, India. Blessed Be . EXT 1753.

Dad will spank and take care of your hot boy butt. Me Attr, GWM, 43, 6'5', 280. You: Attr GWM, 15-38, slim, build and nice buns. EXT 1754.

GWM, 54, sks fun loving GM to 25 to travel to warm Mexico after Xmas for month or two of hot fun and good times. EXT 1755.

Extraordinary hm vid coll of amazing cck swallw tech. My bud has the biggest cock you've ever seen and I an take all of it. Handsome, laid back, expert world lk to choke down a giant. If you are really hung huge and want to best...This is it! EXT 1756.

Dad looking for boy to spoil and appreciate. This 50yo masc GWM wants little bro/son for good times and fun. Live in for right boy. U.B. under 40, affectionate and drug free EXT 1757.

Asian, 28, shy, honest, friendly want long term one to one ;relationship[. You are straight acting top only. Str,Bi male. Married okay. EXT758.

Wheelchair guy, soon to be lawyer seeks big hearted, high self-esteem sincere guy to share enriching, loving happiness and life. EXT 1759.

Super attr Latino Male, Goatee, 32, Super attr Latino Male, Goatee, 32, 150, Hiyops, well endowed, a real vers, hip, youthful in appearance and attitude, lifestyle seeking same. You must be hot in all aspects of your reality. Must be Over 28, secure, HIVpos and ready for a very steamy relationship. Be opened to living /sharing your dreams. EXT 1761.

Attractive Latin 30yo, HIVpos, healthy, cealncut fit, vers sks HIVpos man for boyfriend/companion/poss romance. EXT 1762.

I'm 40's Br/Br. Would like to meet GW/LM, 30-40 who will be alone for Xmas that would like to get together for whatever. Xmas is a bitch alone.

Handsome LM bottom seeks Big and thick dicked daddy's . LTR for anal son. Aromas and toys ok. HIVneg, U B 2. Safe sex only. Oral recip apprec. EXT 1764.

Attr GWM, 70, 5'8', 155 seeks ongoing romance with gdlkng 18-45 younger man who relates to being with older man in and out of bed. EXT1765.

Athletic Asian, goodlooking, 27, 5'7', 140 seeks men form Mid East or men who look alike. EXT1766.

Over sexed bottom seeks top GWM, 43, 5'8', 160, Br/Br, well hung and cut, HIVpos looking for a fun lo and oversexed top. EXT 1767.

Like service big dick? Get hot fuck? Me: 30, masculine, hairy, handsom top. You: under 30, cute bottom. Eager to please sexy stud. EXT 1768.

Attr GBM, 30, 5'11' looking for GWM. Must be mature and mas Facial hair a turn on. EXT 1769.

Seeking and affectionate Asian topman to explore poss w/ WM, 43, 5'8', 160, Bl-Br/Br, stache, HIVneg, gym goer, professional, educated, considered attr and younger looking. EXT 1770.

GAM, 28, 5'5', 110, mature, ready for relationship w/ WM, 30-38. You must be in shape intelligent, humor, proud, no fat, no bottom. EXT1771.

I like sex, drinking, smoking and fill my life with all. Missing guy who can handle my bad habits. if you think you can, leave a message. EXT

GWM, 28, 5'8', 165, in shape, hairy, stache, shy, HIVneg seeks hunky BB, 25-45 for friendship and poss relationship. EXT1774.

Seeking relationship. GWM, 33, 5'9', 130. U B 25-35, serious, mature, sensible looking for friends or relationship. EXT1775.

What a big dick you have son! Let yr hot yng dad suck it. I'll sow you how in and I'll eat yr

WM big bro type with hearty appetite seeks young, hndsm, hung latino who needs the mouth and throat of a pro. I'm young 40's, masc, fit. EXT 1777.

Men seeking adventure

Can you piss with hardon? Deepthroat gum job sucks frequent squirts. Any age, race, size.Attr WM, fit. 57. EXT 1681.

My jockstraps bulgin', my hairy ass is twitchin: Sexy Dad, 48, wants masculine, aggr boy into mass, bondage, light S/M. EXT1682.

Sports type. Ass Muscle GWM, 62, 215, 26yrs looking for body perf Asian or Latino for sex and fun. I'm hot and would enjoy sm. EXT 1683.

Masc, musc GBM, 5'11', 185, mod hry seeks musc stud any race. I'm thk and ripped. You shld be too. You mstly top to my bttm. EXT 1684

6'3', Br/Bl, 185, HIVneg, svelte, seeks E-Bay B/L/dark men who want expert deep throat service. No fats. Str or Bi a plus. EXT 1685.

GWM, 31, Br/Bl, 5'10', 145, lean and tght, hry and hung, like sex, fas food, sex and junk food,sex. HIVpg and healthy. U B similar. EXT687.

Are you a short guy w/ a big dick or a tall slim guy w/a big dick? If you are sim to me, 33, neg, cln ct, 145, swmrs bld, tight smth butt, and lk to sck/fck and pref the top or just showing off yr big mt, give me a call for sm discreet play. NS, under 45, and hung Big only. EXT 1689.

BARTALK AD OF THE WEEK

Booty hunter, 37yo GWM, fit and trim searching for treasure hunter to plow out my jewel laden butt. EXT 1779

cut, easy going sks you: Smooth, hin to skinny guy 25-35 for casual dates. Safe, sensual and fun. Call

Are you the man intrigued by life and more? GWM, 40, Br/BI, furry and big 3would ly to meat and possible LTR. Call if our life is intriguing. EXT

BM wants Latin. Blk M 36 yo. 6'1', 190, wants Latins, 19-35 for friends. Must be safe. Drug free. Home movies and fun times. I'm very masc. EXT 1679.

musc sks thin musc guys for Butt stuffing. Defined abs, flex action turn me on. Prefer blonds. EXT

Nice uncut dick on a lean, trim, healthy, HIVneg 47yo GWM looking for a little attention. EXT 1742.

LEAVE AN OUT GOING MESSAGE IN YOUR BARTALK MAILBOX. YOUR POTENTIAL ADMIRERS WANT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE AND ARE MORE LIKELY TO LEAVE YOU A RESPONSE.

Christmas Joy!

Share it with a friend this year



Indulge yourself this Holiday Season with a Free BarTalk Personal Ad.

Wanted: Men over 60 w/ uncut cheezy cocks who want to get sucked off by the best. Must have own place closed to Santa Clara. EXT 1690.

GWM Dad, 6'1', 200, hairy, Latin sks GM jock son, 25-35. Be cln ct, masc, in shape.. Tell me how you ca make me feel real good. EXT 1691.

32yo, 195, GAM, Palo Alto has very smooth buns is in need of hairy body under 45 to violate my tight buns. Have lips will travel. EXT 1692.

Mexican, 5'4', 135, 36yo bottom would like to meet White Tops for fun. EXT 1693.

Big beer-bellied Daddy, 45, 5'11', 240, White, smooth , healthy, masculine, tough but tender top with stiff dick likes head or screw. EXT

Complimentary Mssg for BB and athlete from Asian jock, 25yo. Strong hands. Enjoy hot oil rub and have fun. EXT 1695.

Black man, 36yo, 6'1', 190, wants Latins, 18-35yo for friends. Must be safe, drug free. Home movies and fun times. I'm very masc. EXT 1696.

Boy needs Dad. 26yo, needs guidance form tough and tender dad. Teach me love and discipline. I'm 26, 6', 170, Br/Gr, willing to learn. EXT 1697.

Leave a message on the BarTalk Bulletin Board 1-900-844-2227 .98c ents per min. 18 plus only

Wanted: Nocturnal, chain smoking, couch potato GWM, 25-50 must like old music, video antiques and conversation. EXT 1698.

Top this!! Very gdlkng masc bttm sks LTR: U B hung top, 6' plus, fun, honest/open, loving, masc, fin sec, horry assertive, I'm 6', 175, 33, prof, energetic, loving, fun, sexy, honest, open. EXT 1699.

Cock and cocktail! Tall GWM, 40's, HIVneg, smoker Ikng for GM w/ fat cut cock and servicing. EXT 1700.

E Bay uncut, seeking mutual suck buddy for long hot oral play. 35, goodlooking, masc guy likes getting drained. Me: 5'11', 180, HIVneg wants sim hairy beefy. U/C a plus. EXT 1709.

Novice bttm, masc, musc, GBM, thick, ripped, hung, 6', 187, mod hairy, stache seeks musc top. Pref hairy. You must be thick and ripped EXT 1710.

Oak. gdlkng older M, big U/C dick and yng stud friend, huge dick need serv. Suck us dry. My place days only. No hangups, drugs or money. EXT 1711.

Are you uncut and, like to lay back and get serviced by GWM? Dark guys a plus. EXT 1712.

BM, HIVneg, 59yo, 170, 9' U/C wants submissive, deepthroated cumfreak masseur. Older, hung, prosword swallower a plus, Your looks unimportant. EXT 1713.

Horny? My warm mouth? My massage talents will lift your spirits oo. No Greek. I am a Bi WM. Mature and nurturing buddy only. EXT 1714.

Latin Man, 49, 6', 190, athletic, smooth, HIVneg seeks men under 30, any race for safe fun, friendship. EXT 1715.

GWM, 33, 5'9', 160, HIVpos, gooklooking seeks top for fun and sex. Leather okay. EXT 1716.

Help me get back into life. No, I'm not June Allyson. After 3yrs of caregiving, I'm looking to reconnect. In every way. I'm attr GWM, 40, 5'8', 155, Neg, looking for someone to shr rom dinners, theater, movies, good conversation and fun. You Prof, GWM, 35-45, hlthy, Sense of humor a plus. Sincerity a plus. EXT 1717.

19yo GWM seeks GAM age 18-30 for rIshp. Dating first. N/S. N/D, no attitude please! Call me. You won't be disappointed. EXT 1718.

Latin Lover 39yo, 6',200, smooth, playful, loving, and youthful sks masc, ethnic M, w/ sim Ht and prop for dating and LTR. EXT 1720.

BarTalk personal

Alameda BiWM, 49, Scandinavian bttm, HIVneg, 5'11', 210, like suc and being fucked. Hivneg top G/W, HM. Prefer a big cock. EXT 1721.

Rough top, gdlkng, 29, HIVneg seeks M, 25-323 for fun and possible relationship. Prefer other established prof. EXT 1722.

Life long companion, employed partner to purchase home, BMW, and share the good life. Me HIVneg GWM, 38, 5'6', 130, bottom. EXT 1726.

GWM, 40's, HIVneg, cut hry wnts to grovel, worship,nice beautiful feet of hot verbal ongoing masters, 36-60. E Bay Prefered. all answ. EXT 1727.

Give yourself something

this Christmas:

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Only .98¢ per minute. You must be 18 or older.

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Weekend wrestling parties in private

Husky GWM, 48, seeks athlete under 40 who likes to be spanked and rimmed in E Bay. Hry, u/c, Bi ok. You know you need it bad. EXT 1732.

You suck toes and feet and hot cocks. Weekdays in SF. Your place. You are 30-44, trim, fit, NS/D, HIVneg, safe and sane. Put my toes in your mouth and cum. EXT 1733.

Hot Ital cumfreak and asseater seeks hot and horny men for regular sessions. Call for description. Avail days and eves. EXT 1735.

Lingerie- Looking for men any race who also have a desire to touch and or wear lingerie. GWM, 5'10, 190, 47, love sex. EXT1778.

Booty hunter, 37yo, GWM, fit and trim, searching for treasure hunter to plow out my jewel laden butt. EXT 1779.

GWM, 41, Br/Bl returning to SF from Smoking ok, N/D. EXT 1780.

Top M, 49, 6', 150, Br/Drk BR, 9', wants young under 40 white or latin bottoms who want to get fucked. EXT 1781.

WOMEN SEEKING ADVENTURE

MEN SEEKING ADVENTURE

TRANSGENDER

Need a date? Send

gym. All races, ages, sizes welcome. If you are an active no holds barred wrestler. No gawkers! EXT 1731.

GWM, 44, 6', 180, Athletic, gdlkng, HIVneg seeks similar WM under 32 for safe fun and friendship. EXT

Auto Fellatio makes me hot. If the sight of a dude licking the jism off his own cock turns you on, let's talk. Show me how you do it. EXT1782.

Day time sex only. 37, hung, uncut seeking sex with raunchy, hung, uncuts, dirty or clean underwear. Lv message. EXT 1783.

I'll sit back, you suck. Am 38, W, fit, HIVneg. You are masculine, Black or super hairy W. Your place. HIVneg only. No hassles. EXT 1784.

GWM, 35, 6', 165, clean and sober, Br/HzI, facial hair, bottom seeking top into greek play, WS, dominance and affection. EXT 1786.

Hot Asian, 28, 5'10', 168, sks Man w/ big balls and cock for mutual fun. Hairy and muscular a plus. EXT 1787.

Aggressive, muscular brown hanky top looking for a handsome, hungry mouth to feed. Experience preferred. EXT 1789.

Oakland marathon dirty talk, JO, one on one late night while partying Share costs 50/50. Not a suck/fuck/touch scene. Cock worship at it's best, EXT 1790.

Peninsula Area only. 32, GAM, 5'11' 195, Bld/Br, seeks hairy to not so hairy guys under 45 to lay back to be orally serviced. No recip. EXT 1793.

GBM, mid 404's has hot butt that needs plowing. I'm swim built, nice guy. You are energetic top. EXT 1794.

Bare ass spanking. Big daddy, stern, strict loving will use hand, strap paddle, cane to instruct bad boxs. Arguer any age, looks. Proper punishment is swift and effective. Call me now! Get what you so richly deserve. EXT 1795.

Intelligent dad seeks bright son any race with whom to explore game of life. Dad is 47, trim, Hivneg. EXT 1797.

San Jose cute young GWM in shape sks guys into WS. Stand over me an-let it rain all night. You: 18-38, beer drinker. B/LM a plus. EXT 1796.

Kid, 46, wants to slowly J O daddy and be jacked off while fantasy talking about huge daddy/boy cock. Defined, 150, 5'9'. EXT 1798.

Bondage, erotic sensual for the wiry-defined muscular men only, I have eight years experience ,macho men only. EXT 1799.

Transgender

WM, 38 seeks TV, TS, Hermaphrodite for sensual romantic relationship. Age, race unimportant. Call, let's get together. EXT1760.

Transgender pre-op want to meat men. No Drugs, light drinking, fun, loving. 25-45. Most nationalities. EXT 1701.

GWM, 40's seeks TV to teach/help me to become a TV. Any nationality.

Bisexual

BiWM, 25 seek males or females or both for exotic encounters. 3 ways, sucking, etc, etc. Hurryl Sex me Sex me, do it now! Ext 1707.

Couples

strong, masc, couple seek younger guy to join us for fun leading to close mental and physical relationship. Dominant, EXT 1743.

Have you checked your messages today? There may be potential admirers waiting for you to

BARTALK **PERSONALS**

Feel my moustache in your crack and my tongue up your butt. Me: hot, 36, WM, 6', 160, Br/Bl. EXT 1729.

Ital exfootball jock seeks oral expert servicing on a regular basis. Castro

c. All serious replies considered.

Hairy chested, blond and redhe men make me fall to my knees. Me: 38, blond, 29 waist, HIVneg, attractive, smooth bubble butt. Romantic and musc. EXT 1728.

BarTalk Order Form

New ads will be published in the following Thursday's issue and will run for three weeks. You will be notified by mail with information and details on how to leave a message in your mailbox and how to retrieve messages left for you.

SELECT A CATEGORY: WOMEN SEEKING RELATIONSHIPS

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opelessly romantic, attr, GAM, 8', 165, musc, N/S, N/D seeks sim NM, 22-30, for friendship,LTR uring the chaotic Xmas Holidays.

Tail, GWM ugly dude w/gut, 40' smoker, hard cut tool. Looking for bottoms who can take it standing w/ rough pec Massage Should be Fr a/p. EXT 1724.

Your tongue, my butt! WM, 43, 6'2', 180, hung thick ,N/S, N/D, tattoos, Hivneg neg, seeks long front and esp. rear French service! Are you my boy?

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(see below)

FRIDAY 10

African-American Women Singers, writers and perfor-mers Danielle Abrams, Sara Brown, Carmen, Akiba Onada-Sikwoa, Tara Nicole Youngblood and Elissa Perry. §5. 8pm. Red Dora's, 485 14th St.

Anna Christie German version of Garbo's first speaking role as a waterfront slattern in the Eugene O'Neill tale. \$6. Thru 12/16. Castro Theatre, Castro at Market. 621-6120.

Art for Recovery
Gala benefit for UCSF Mount
Zion HIV Care Unit & Frank
Garvey's AIDS Memorial
Sculpture. \$50-250. 610pm. Exhibit runs thru 1/5.
Morphos Gallery, 544 Hayes.
626-1936.

Bewitched, The Play New theatrical version of the old TV show. Proceeds go to the HIV Touring Project. \$15. 8pm. Thru 1/1. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness. 861-8972.

Brigadoon Haunting musical of a Scottish town (yes, men in kilts!). \$12-17. Bom. Thru 12/19. Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway. Redwood City 329-2623.

Continuum Holiday Art Sale Gifts & crafts, proceeds benefit HIV day services group. Also Sat. 10 UN Plaza, Market & 7th. 241-5500.

Criminal Hearts
Live Animals Theatre Group's production of Jane Martin's riotous comedy about two very different women; an agoraphobic divorce and a thief who's come to clean her out. \$10. 8pm. Thru 12/19. Shotwell Studios, 3252A 19th St. 292-7793.

Do You Fit? Interdisciplinary performance by the Inter-Arts Ensemble, with movement, words and structures examining the body in relation to machines, and identity politics. \$5-7. 8pm. The LAB Gallery, 1807 Divisadero. 346-4063.

Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris Musical cabaret show with English lyrics. \$5. 8pm. Thru 12/19. Theater of the Blue Rose, 2525 8th St., Berkeley. (510) 540-5037.

Jeffrey
Obie Award-winning play about a man who gives up sex, only to meet the man of his dreams, who's HIV positive. \$22-30. 8pm (Tue, Wed., Thu.) 8:30 (Fri. & Sat.). Thru 1/2. Theatre on the Square, 450 Post. 433-9500.

The Joy of Gay Sex Musical comedy about a gay, and a lesbian couple, who romance in San Fran & Berkeley. Free. 8pm. Also Sat at 2 & 8pm. Durham Studio Theatre, UC Campus, Berkeley. (510) 642-1677.

Jumping the Broom Restaged version of the romantic comedy revue about gay and lesbian weddings. \$12-18. 8pm (Sat. 5pm, Sun. 3pm). Thru 12/18. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St. at Mission. 861-5079.

Karen Carpenter Christmas Yuletide fest of holiday songs and Karen tunes, performed by Big Bang Beat, with special guests David Cassidy and Barbra Streisand. \$12. 8:30pm. Thru 12/30. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia near 22nd. 641-0235.



What do they wear under the kilts? Brigadoon (FRI.)

Kiki & Herb Roasting on an Open Fire Campy holiday lounge act gets the Xmas spirit(s). \$7. 11pm. Eichelberger's, 2742 17th. 863-4177.

Lezzie Holiday Show Scroog-ette In the ''Lesbian Christmas Carol,' plus sing along and other amusing short acts. \$5-15. 8pm. Thru 12/18. Five Corners Theatre, Petaluma. (707) 545-9806.

Local 7 Showcase of dance and performance by Chris Black, Lydia Bueschel, Pam Falvo & others. § 7. 8:30pm. Also Sat. Dancers' Group Footwork, 3221 22nd at Mission. 824-5044.

Philharmonia Baroque Ensemble Renowned musical group performs Handel's Messiah, with guest vocalists. \$25-33. 7:30pm. Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness. 392-4400.

Robin Tyler Pioneering Iesbian comic. \$10. 10pm. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

Sacred Boy Keith Hennessy's solo performance work about sex, losing shame, and what happens after loarus' wings melt. \$10-12, 8pm. Thru 12/12, Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

The Well of Horniness Raunchy ridiculous lesbo-drama, a wicked parody of dime store '50s female imagery, repressed house wives and femme fatales. \$12. 8:30pm. Thru 12/18. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St. 861-5079.

SATURDAY 11

Alive at the Edge:
Field Notes From
an Endangered Species
Jamie McHugh's solo
performance ritual event
about HIV and queer
positivity. \$10. 8pm. Wildcat
Studio, 2525 8th St.,
Berkeley. (415) 258-0975.

Beyond Therapy Quirky farce about shrinks, lovelorn bisexuals, and nut job therapists. \$20. 8pm. Hotel York's Plush Room, 940 Sutter. 885-2800.

Chris Williamson, Tret Fure Suzanne Westenhoefer Two women's music greats, plus the hottest new dyke comic in America. \$18-35. 8pm. Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley. (510) 655-0364.

Gay Comedy Night Karen Ripley, Lisa Geduldig, Danny Williams. \$10. 10pm. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

Holiday Issues Performance by Menage, the award-winning vocal octet ensemble of the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF, \$10. 8pm. MCC, 150 Eureka at 18th. 861-70647.

Piano Bar Chanukah
Pianist Dennis Crow leads a
musical evening of menorah
lighting, latkes, potato
pancakes, raffle & silent
auction. \$7-9. 7-11pm.
Congregation Sha'ar Zahay,
St. Paulus Lutheran Church,
950 Gough at Eddy. 8616932.



Phallic Folk Art Show & Sale Showing and sale of erotic art. \$2. 1-6pm (10pm-midnight for members). Also 12/18. Eros Center for Safe Sex, 2051 Market at Church. 985-5209.

Phantom of the Operetta Parody of both *Phantom* and *Jurassic Park*. \$32-38. 8pm. Thru 12/12. Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk Blvd. at Masonic. 752-7755.

Really Rosie
Carole King & Maurice
Sendak's musical play about
a girl's wild dreams and their
fantasy to make a movie
about her life. \$10. 11am &
1pm. Also Sun. Thru 12/23.
New Conservatory Theatre,
25 Van Ness. 861-8972.

SCUM:
The Valerie Solanas Story
Play about the twisted
feminist who shot Andy
Warhol. \$5. 9pm. Thru
1/23. Marilyn Monroe
Memorial Theater, 96
Lafayette at 11th. 552-3034.

Sick Joke Sarcastic and ironic works about AIDS by Nayland Blake, Erin Courtney, Candy Ass, Keith Mayerson & others. Thru 12/18. Kiki, 483 14th. 863-KIKI.



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Drawn Out gets to come out to eight

Not everyone

million readers, unless you're a cartoon.
Lawrence's being gay in Lynn Johnston's strip For Better or For Worseriled the ire of fundies and bigots nationwide, and hopefully got to some thousands of queer kids, too. Meet the artist in a special reception to benefit Voice & Vision youth programs at Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry, \$15. Dec. 12, 4-6pm at the Cartoon Art Museum, 665 3rd. St. Johnston will also be signing limited edition prints of her strip. Proceeds from these sales will benefit the Museum, 546-3922.

Sinematic

Sick, twisted, warped and general obscene, said cencors of the workshown at the Pacific Film Archive Banned in the USA Festival. Amore the queer movies that have become odd underground favorites are Jack Smith's Flaming Creatures, a weird orgy of queens and screamers, plus Kenneth Anger's Scorpio Rising, his homo leather chomage. Both are showing Friday, Dec. 10 at 7:30pm. December 11, catch Joe Dallesandro (above) and other Factory faves in Andy Warhol's Lonesome Cowboys, a quirky western takeoff, with ambisexual cowpokes and virginal harlots. Shown with Howard Hughes' The Outlaw, starring full-figured gal Jane Russell. \$5.50. Pacific Film Archive, UC Berkeley, 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley. (510) 642-1124.

''No more wire tinsel!'

What could be worse than Christmas with your relatives? Christmas With the Crawfords! Mommie Dearest lets Christina and Christopher out of their rooms for a plastic-smiles holiday special.But this could be more fun than the real thing. Join Ann Drogynous (Paul Anelli to you), Mark Sargent and other drag talents as they channel Hedda Hopper, Zsa Zsa Gabor, Marlene, Judy, Mae West and Hattie McDaniel to recreate that infamously unintentionally campy radio special. \$10-15. 8pm. Sun. at 7pm. Thru Jan. 2. Artfull Circle Theatre, 426-5455.



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SUNDAY 12

All-Girl Lollygag Hail Marys, Pineapple Princess, Miss O'Hara & others sing. \$4. 8pm. Build, 483 Guerrero. 863-3321.

Connie Champagne Mambo Italiano! Connie sings pop songs Italiano as Cordiva Luna! \$5. 10pm. Eichelberger's, 2742 17th at Florida. 863-4177.

Dance Along Nutcracker
Wacky, high-spirited lesbian
and gay hamilies & friends
party of dancing to the
holiday fave. Bring your own
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First Christian Church,
Disciples of Christ, 3039
Willow Pass Road, Concord.
(510) 685-7503.

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Performances by GAPA
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performs 17th-century
Christmas tunes. \$10-16.
8pm. Lone Mountain Chapel,
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MONDAY 13

Amber Lynne's Scratch & Sniff Readings live and on tape by Kathy Acker, Nina Hartley, Mr. Pink, Bill Burroughs & others. \$3. 8pm. ATA Gallery, 992 Valencia. 824-3890.

Gay Comedy Open Mike MC Hank Donat. Aspiring comics can call to sign up by 7pm. \$5. 8pm. Josie's, 16th & Market. 861-7933.

The Nose Shocking Videos!
Evening of gross-out clips:
Chuck Berry's golden
showers, McMahon &
Carson stinking drunk, killer
monster trucks, sex with
beasts and the dead, and
(ewwww) Crispin Glover! \$3.
8:30pm. The Elbo Room,
647 Valencia at 15th. 5527788.

Swaddling Couture
Holiday hootenanny with
Justin Bond, Elvis Herselvis
& the "dyke-abilly" Bucktooth
Varmints. \$2. 9:30pm.
Mondays thru Dec. Cafe Du
Nord, 2170 Market at
Sanchez. 861-5016.

12 Nights of Christmas Survey of objects and artwork by Bay Area dabblers, of wood metal and glass, all for sale. Thru 12/24. 6-9pm. Refusalon, 630 Natoma. 431-1046.

TUESDAY 14

Risk Gay Scott Capurro's one-man show about the world of comics, its closet hazards, and his coming out. \$10-12. 8pm. Thru 12/19. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

Take This Job and Shove It Jessilito Bey, Kris Kovick & others do performance stuff about work. \$4. 8pm. Build, 483 Guerrero, near 17th. 863-3321.

WEDNESDAY 15

Anima James Balog's photos of humans and chimpanzees. Thru 1/29. Vision Gallery, 1155 Mission. 621-2107.

Annual Artists' Store
Special, one of a kind and
downright weird art work and
giftables. Thru 12/18. New
Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom.
626-5416.

Arthur Tress
Dreamlike sexy photo tableaux exhibit. Curated by Richard Titus. Thru 1/5. Every 6 Weeks, 323 Noe at Market. 626-3343.

Artists' Images of AIDS Exhibit of images by artists living with AIDS, as well as works about AIDS. Thru 12/17. College of Marin Fine Arts Gallery, Kentfield. 485-9494.

Ceremony of Spirit
Nature and memory in
contemporary Latino art,
including artists from Brazil,
Cuba, Mexico and Panama.
\$3. Thru 2/20.The Mexican
Museum, Fort Mason Center,
Bldg. D. 441-0404.

A Few of My Favorite Things Gender twisted photos by James A. Patterson. Thru 12/19. Eichelberger's, 2742 17th at Florida. 863-4177.

Homenaje a la Guadalupe Exhibit of art dedicated to the Virgin of Guadalupe. Thru 12/31. Polanco Gallery, 242 Gough St. 252-5753.

J.B Higgins Erotic male nude photos in color and black and white. Thru 12/14. The Edge, 4149 18th St. 863-4027.

Odd Jobs Dale Tigman reads from his stories and poems about work. \$3. 8pm. Build, 483 Guerrero. 863-3321.

Portraits of a March: DC '93 Photos of the March on Washington by Bob Corti. Thru December. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

Pussy-S Graffiti style art by Julian Martin. Thru Jan. Bagdad Cafe, Market at 16th. (510) 284-0662.



Tret Fure (left) & Chris Williamson (SAT.)

Made Wianta
Silent auction of 24 oil and acrylic paintings by the Ballinese visual artist.
Proceeds benefit AIDS prevention research in Southeast Asia. Silent auction thru today. Cowell Theater Lobby, Fort Mason Center. 597-9144.

Nunsense II:
The Second Coming
Sequel to the silly nun show,
also shown in rep with the
original Nunsense. \$14-18.
8pm. Mats. at 2pm (Sat.) &
3pm (Sun.). Thru 1/2.
Willows Theatre, 1975
Diamond Blvd., Willows
Shopping Center, Concord.
(510) 671-3388.

Part Fantasy
Sexually imaginative
drawings by seven lesbians.
Thru 1/4. Jack Hanley
Gallery, 41 Grant Ave. 291-8911.

Phallic Altars
Dan Willis' exhibit of erotic
Catholic art collages. Thru
1/6. Eros Center for Safe
Sex, 2051 Market. 864-

THURSDAY 16

Box Conspiracy
George Coates' latest
multimedia theatre work
invokes a Nielsen family and
the insidious interactive tube
technology that takes over
their lives. \$14-34. 8pm.
Thru 1/30. George Coates
Performance Works, 110
McAllister. 863-4130.

Fairy Tales
Exhibit of William Wegman's
Fairy Tales, with dogs
dressed as damsels. Also,
anonymous photo collages,
probably a woman artist,
from the 19th century. Thru
12/30. Fraenkel Gallery, 49
Geary. 981-2661.

Figurate! New paintings and works on paper by Enrique ''Kiko'' Govantes. Thru 12/31. Terrain Gallery, 165 Jessie St. 543-0656.

How Do You Like Me Now? Photo collages by Robert Bass. Thru 12/18. Higher Grounds, 3160 16th St. 252-5629.

Local 7
Showcase of dance & new performance by Keith Carrollo, Brynn Edyn, Erica Essner & others. \$7.8:30pm. Also 12/18. Dancers' Group Footwork, 3221 22nd St. at Mission. 824-5044.

Noh Christmas Carol Dickens goes Butch (and Noh & Kyogen) in Theatre of Yugen's dance, puppet, theatre adaptation. \$8-12. 8pm. Also Sat. & Thu. at 2pm. Thru 12/23. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa at Alabama. 621-7978.

Nutcracker
Oakland Ballet's version of
the sugar-sweet holiday
ballet. \$8-45. 8pm. Mats. at
2pm. Thru 12/26. Paramount
Theatre, 2025 Broadway,
Oakland. (510) 465-6400.

Orphans
Lyle Kessler's allegorical
drama about two brothers
strange and mutually dependent relationship. \$12. 8pm.
Sun. at 2pm. Thru 12/19.
Production Arts Workshop,
550 Natoma, at 6th & 7th.
995,2570.

Phantom of the Opera Andrew Lloyd Webber's amazing musical about the scar-faced guy who lives in a sewer. \$25-65. 8pm. Curran Theatre, 445 Geary. 776-1999.

Philip Trager: Dancers Photo exhibit of well-known dancers like Bill T. Jones and Mark Morris. Thru 1/29. Vision Gallery, 1155 Mission St. 621-2107.

Small Works for the Holidays Exhibit of lots of small paintings by gallery favorites Paul Cadmus, Dean Larson, Randall Lake, Jason Gaillard, and many others. Thru 1/8. John Pence Gallery, 750 Post St. 441-1138.



Dale loves his Odd Jobs

The Virus That Causes
Sequel to Animal's Positive
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of newfound status.
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free. 9:30pm. Thru 12/18.
Lennon Studios, 271 Dore
St. 561-1441.

Who's Afraid of Red, Blue, Yellow, Green & Orange? LA photog Keith Boadwee's boldly colored images of butts and butthairs enlarged to gargantuan proportions. Thru 2/5. SF Camerawork, 70 12th. 621-1001.

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him or her to fly around the world and appear at major functions.

For the current International Mr. Leather, Henri Ten Have, who lives in Amsterdam, every trip he makes to our shores costs over a thousand dollars, even with local people furnishing housing and other amenities. So, in an effort to relieve the financial burden on Henri, the leather communities of San Francisco and San Jose are putting on a benefit, an \$8 beer/soda bust at the SF-Eagle on Saturday night, Dec. 18 from 2000-2300. One dollar raffle tickets will be sold throughout. The following is a partial list of what you could win with just one ticket: one hundred twenty five brand new t-shirts of various sizes, many of them collector's items stretching back almost eight years from events here in San Francisco and major leather events around the country; a custom SF-Eagle leather vest (thanks Terryl); a pair of 1994 International Mr. Leather packages (with reserved seats) for next Memorial Day weekend; two one-year subscriptions to Drummer Magazine; a half-dozen newly-released Falcon Studio videos; and a dinner date with Intl. Mr. Drummer Grayline Thornton!

In addition, framed, color blow-ups of both Intl. Mr. Leather and Intl. Mr. Drummer winners, poster-size, black-and-white photos by Jim Wigler of a hot Aussie leather man and an original water color by Robert Uvvari. Al-

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As we head toward the Christmas and year-end holidays, everyone seems to be surprisingly laid back. There's not a whole lot going on. The Bare Chest Calendar guys have been out on the streets signing the 1994 edition of the Eagle's annual AIDS Emergency Fund benefit. Last Saturday afternoon, Dec. 4, they were out in front of the Under One Roof store.

While I was kibitzing with them, I finally wandered into Upper Market's newest addition, the Construction Zone



IML '93 Henri Ten Have (I) with Siebe Terpstra, president of Motor Sportsclub Amsterdam (MSA), the night he won the title in Chicago. The benefit beer/soda bust at the Eagle on Saturday, Dec. 18 benefits Henri's travel fund. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)

store. Now here's a customerfriendly operation. Gala and Jeanine and some pretty sultry-looking women clerks are on hand to serve you. They have a huge collection of used jeans at great prices and a lot of other new and used gear, leather, toys, uniforms and a million laughs while you're perusing the merchandise. Construction Zone is at 2352 Market. Check it out. It's really worth a trip. Great bargains and no sales pressure.

Sunday afternoon, the calendar guys traveled to Greg's

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Ms. Jeanine (I) and Ms. Gala, run the Under Construction store on Upper Market and they are customer friendly, fun and obviously very much enamored of each other. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)

Mr. Marcus



Bare Chest Calendar winners (I to r): Bruce Starr, Kevin Sims and Lee Tucker selling and autographing the 1994 edition to benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund every Saturday, here on Upper Market last weekend.

(Photo: Mr. Marcus)

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Ball Room in San Jose for a calendar signing and to mingle with Southbay people. It turned out to be another profitable endeavor for the AEF. With over two dozen calendars sold, the management of Greg's bought at least a dozen more. Great show!

The Gay Men's Chorus was at the SF-Eagle on Sunday afternoon and performed some great numbers, including some new work by Wayne Love. I don't know who won the pair of Bette Midler Show tickets but I did hear a lot of delighted shrieks when the winning ticket was announced. The late afternoon 49ers-Bengals' game was an extreme exercise in frustration, but they won, didn't they? Hey, everyone has a bad day once in a while!

Yes, Christmas is just around the corner. And in the Castro and all over town everyone is just slaughtering their credit cards, writing checks and buying gifts. There's a lot of generosity in our community; a lot of people crowded into Under One Roof to buy their gifts and as you all know, virtually everything sold at the store benefits one AIDS agency or another. It makes you feel good

all over seeing our community support worthy charities and benefits.

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Sad to say, deaths still come in threes. Over last weekend a trio of my favorite people went on to the great beyond. Former bare-chest calendar man and all-around uniform and leatherman/boy Wally Hansen left us; John Rowberry, the brilliant writer and former editor of Drummer and Inches Magazines left us from his cozy bailiwick near San Diego; and former Grand Duchess and former member of the Barbary Coasters MC, Ken "Kitty" LaPierre also left us for the great beyond.

Each of these friends contributed to the well-being of the communities in which they lived, served and contributed so much. They will be sorely missed on many levels. At my deadline, no memorial services had been finalized except that John Rowberry requested no services at all.

The Dish Runs Away With The Spoon

Well, I see Our Town isn't the only one with rampant di-

vorce proceedings. From far off Chicago comes word that R.J. Chaffin, the other half of Back Door Promotions (they put on the I.M.L. show) and his "Chuckie" have severed their domestic partner relationship after some eight years!

On the home front, you probably didn't get an invite to the S.O.B.'s party (Sons of Bacchus), a "private home" sex club where last Friday night, some 52 guys let it (literally) all hang out somewhere in the Western Addition. My spies report that most of the dudes there were young, smoothe, sweatery and very, very horny. Next time you're at a big disco production, gyrating and sweating, you might be handed an invitation, but don't hold your breath. It has been stated that they are "very, very selective." My, my!

Have you been wondering lately whatever happened to Mr. Safe Sex 1991, Joe Fiorentino? He's alive, well,

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Intl. Mr. Drummer Graylin Thornton will be auctioned off for a dinner date at the big IML Travel Fund Benefit on Saturday, Dec. 18 at the Eagle. IML Lenny Broberg and IMSL. Blair will co-emcee the event. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)



Titles come to Germany! Jugen (center) from Hamburg was chosen Mr. Gay Germany '93 in Krefeld on Oct. 31st. Udo (I) was the 2nd runner-up and Andreas (r) was the 1st runner-up. Looks pretty leathery.

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and pushing cocktails at Charpe's on Gough certain nights and at the Wooden Horse on Polk on certain days. He looks as good as ever (in another photo magazine layout, au naturel, of course!). It's really quite boring being accused of being racist. And because of the latest accusation directed toward me from someone who should know better, I hereby submit my rebuttal with a very loud Harrumph!:

There was a young queen

named Keith Truitt

Whose name I twice print-ed as "Pruitt";

In the "Guards" he's a pledge
But that's no big edge;

Miss Keith, be advised: You just Blewitt! ▼

Affairs to Remember

Thursday, Dec. 9: It's the Dick Show by Jack Davis opening tonight at 2000 at 848 Divisadero, with performance artists doing their thing. Photography, sculpture and drawings, all by talented people too numerous to mention here. It runs through Jan. 2 but get more info by calling 863-2609 for details. Tough Customer photo session at the Jackhammer Bar at around 2000 and that fabulous photographer, Tim Collins, will be shooting your best pose(s), Last TC party for 1993, and who knows, next year at this time, you could be married to your fantasy man! Be there!

Friday, Dec. 10: Zeus Studios premiere of Out of Control to benefit the West Hollywood Cheerleaders performing at Gay Games IV ceremonies in 1994. With major leather title holders. At the Tom Kat theatre with showings at 2000 and 2200 and a big party at the Gold Coast.

Saturday, Dec. 11: Studio Iguana's sPuNk Phallic Folk Art Show and Sale from 1300 to 1800 today at Eros Center, featuring art work by some 20 artisans in

every medium imaginable. Only \$2 admission and lots of surprises you'll love. Also next Saturday, Dec. 18.

Mr. San Jose Leather Jeffrey Tucker and Ms. San Jose Leather Masters Hope Nechuta fundraiser, with a tree-trimming, \$5 beer/soda bust, and a chance to win two tickets to the Bette Midler show. At Creg's Ballroom in San Jose tonight, beginning at 2000. Souvenir pics and other surprises — to benefit the Aris Project.

Hells Belles, the women's MC has their toy run at 1100, depart

Hells Belles, the women's MC has their toy run at 1100, departing from Walden House (520 Townsend) after coffee and doughnuts. Bring a new toy to benefit the Elizabeth Frye Center and Shriners Hospital. For more info, call Dea at 636-2108.

Sunday, Dec. 12: Kairos House hosts the beer/soda bust at the SF Eagle with a country/western band, Long Branch, from 1500-1800 for \$8. With an Italian dinner, so don't miss this one!

Mr. and Ms. Alameda County Leather Randy and Beth present Santa's Slave Auction at the Turf

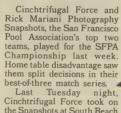
Club in Hayward today from 1400-1800 for \$5, with a 50/50 raffle, drawings and fun galore. Always fun in Hayward!
Sidewalk sale at Kimo's for Tammy Lynn all day today beginning at noon. Tammy was one of the best Miss Gay SF incumbents and deserves our support, so come on down.
Monday, Dec. 13: Intl. Ms.
Leather board of directors meeting at 1930 at MCC Church, Room 108. Be there and help plan next year's big event.
Wednesday, Dec. 15: Christmas party at Watering Hole Saloon tonight from 1900-2300 — big spread, food, fun, cruising galore.
Thursday, Dec. 16: Christmas party at the SF-Eagle tonight beginning at 2000. Seasoned customers will want to be there for this annual blast!
Saturday, Dec. 18: Big Intl. Mr. Leather beer/soda bust and benefit with 125 brand-new Tshirts and hordes of other goodies for a \$1\$ raffle ticket. An \$\$8\$

shirts and hordes of other goodies for a \$1 raffle ticket. An \$8 beer/soda bust and food by Mr. Drummer. Get lucky!

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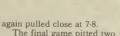
SF Pool Association Report

The 1993 SFPA Final Goes into Tie-breaker



Billiards. The Force starters of Mark Miller, Chris DuCoing, Owen Rubar, and Dave Timko showed they were Timko showed they were completely at ease on the eight foot home table as they quickly breezed out to a 5-1 lead. By the end of the match their lead grew into a 9-5 deflation of the top-seeded Snapshots, a previously undefeated team. The Force scampered away that night knowing that the Snaps were on the ropes and ready for a tencount that could be delivered at the Cinch on December 2.

The Snapshots, however, had a different scenario in mind last Thursday night and a strong opening salvo by



again pulled close at 7-8.

The final game pitted two legendary players, E.Z. against Timko, and Zalta quickly got ahead in the rack. Timko played a safety that cleared a key pocket but the cue rolled just a hair too far and Zalta had a glimpse of one of his balls far up table. "I knew it was next to hopeless but I had to go for it," he later said. What resulted was one of the most dramatic outs ever to decide a playoff match as E.Z. stroked the ball to the as E.Z. stroked the ball to the corner, drew to a position that barely allowed him to cut in his next ball and rolled into good 8-ball shape that would deliver the match, 9-7.

The City Championship will be awarded to one of these two teams on December 7 at South Beach Biliards. As these last two matches proved either team

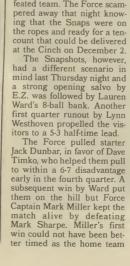
matches proved either team will boldly represent S.F. at the West Coast Challenge XXVIII in Long Beach next

month.

SFPA's third place award went to Transfer Ballbusters, who overcame the International Reys to win that spot. "We're pretty proud of our accomplishment," said Ballbuster Dennis Healy, "We went through the whole season with just four players and didn't have to forfeit a single game." The other three 'Busters are Captain Mario Alonzo, Brian S. Cook and Benny Ray Clardy.

South Beach Billiards will

South Beach Billiards will be the scene of an unprece-dented event this Saturday, December 11, when 4 simultaneous league tournaments are scheduled. At stake are the titles in the All-Star, Women's WCC Qualifier, Rising Star and Star Search tournaments. The first two contests will determine individual representatives for West Coast Challenge. Dial JOE-POOL, for more SFPA information.



Sports



Is he out? Gay softball league tryouts start this Sunday, December 12, at 10 a.m., Christopher Field, San Francisco. (Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

San Francisco Hiking Club

Explore the Marin Headlands with the San Francisco Hiking Club on Sunday December 12, when they go for the Wolf Ridge and Gerbode Valley loop. Interested hikers should meet at 10:00 a.m., under the Big Safeway Sign at Market and Dolores. This hike is considered moderately strenuous, with a hiking distance of 8 miles and a 1050 ft. elevation gain. Take lunch, water, sunscreen, and be prepared with raingear in case of unsettled weather or drizzle; Heavy rain cancels.

Gay Softball League Tryouts

At 10:00 a.m., on Sunday, December 12, 1993, and again on January 16, 1994, the San Francisco Gay Softball League will host games at Christopher Field in San Francisco for league members and non-members of all skill levels who wish to meet with teams seeking new players. The usual winter pickup game schedule of two games, one at 10:30 a.m. and another at noon, will follow the team sign-up period. Christopher Field is located behind the west end of the Safeway parking lot off Diamond Heights Blvd. For further information, please call Tim Laime at (415) 206-9464 Skip Schaefer (415) 861-2145, or Wendy Gershow at (510) 252-7959.

Gay Softball League Party

The league's Christmas party will be held at the Cinch on Saturday, December 11th at 2 p.m.

Team San Francisco Fundraising Auction

Your holiday shopping problems may be solved if you go to the Saturday, December 11 Team San Francisco auction, from 1 to 4 p.m., at Eureka Valley Center, 100 Collingwood Street. The auction is one of the largest fundraising events of the season to help build the TSF Athletes' Fund.

Highlights of their item donation list so far: weekends in Palm Springs, a Nikon camera, a \$500 Gift Certificate from Winship Travel, a signed copy of Randy Shilts book Conduct Unbecoming, a Gay Games II flag, massages, home-cooked dinners for four and more. Volunteers are needed the day of the event. Call Susan at 648-4931 or Rod at 621-2213.

TSFUniforms are Ready and Waiting

Team San Francisco's GGIV Uniform samples are ready. The TSF's Opening & Closing Ceremony uniforms for the June 18-24 New York Gay Games IV are available to try on at Fleet Feet, 2308 Market (near Noe) and High Gear at 18th & Castro.

Saga North Ski Club

Skiing adventures with a lesbian and gay ski club. Kirkwood trip, Saturday-Sunday, December 11-12; Heavenly Valley, January 8-9; and more. Monthly club meeting Sunday, January 2, 6-30 p.m., First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary Street, in S.F. Call the hotline for more information at 995-2772.

Do You Have Umpiring Tendencies?

Are you interested in becoming an umpire? The Northern California Umpires Association has announced their schedule for 1994 year's clinics, on February 18-20 and July 8-10, 1994. The clinics begin Friday evenings and continue on Saturday and Sunday. Participants will be expected to attend on all three days. There will be classroom work as well as on-field drills. And on Sunday, students will umpire in live games. If you need more information, please call (415) 922-6282.

Christmas Classic 5K and Miracle Mile Race

Head to Golden Gate Park on Sunday, December 12, to join into the Christmas Classic/Miracle Mile Run. The Miracle Mile race starts at 9 a.m., and the 5k starts at 9:30 a.m. To register, contact People Events, 528 Larch Ave, South San Francisco, 94080, or call 415/583-6268. Entry fees are \$20.00 with a Tshirt and a mug, \$7 and \$10 without.

Bowling Fundraiser

The Castro Station will host a beer bust to benefit the 1994 Bud Light Golden Gate Classic Bowling Tournament, from 2-6 p.m., Sunday, December 12.

Mount Diablo's Knobcome Point and Balancing Rock Loop Hike

Visit Mt. Diablo State Park's little known southeastern edge, with the Gay and Lesbian Sierrans on Sunday, December 12. Meet at Thrifty (Church and Market) at 9 a.m., or at Curry Point Staging Area on Southgate Rd. in the State Park at 10:30 a.m.. Take Hwy 24 E., S. on Hwy 680 to the Diablo Rd. exit & up into the Park to Curry Point. Bring lunch and liquids. Rain or shine. Call 281-5666 for more information.

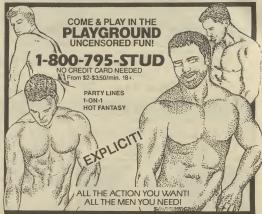
Winter Pickup Softball Action

Ease your way back into the spring softball groove with a winter warm-up! The San Francisco Gay Softball League famous annual winter pick-up softball is held Sundays at Christopher Field in San Francisco. Two games are played, one at 10:30 a.m. and another at noon. Christopher Field is located behind the west end of the Safeway parking lot off Diamond Heights Blvd. For further information, please call 381-0187.



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Men's Basketball Tony at 621-2710.

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Basketball action

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Tavern Guild Bowling League. Call Mal Garcia at 752-2366.

Bay Area Boxing Club, a fully sanctioned USABF (United States Amateur Boxing Federation) meets Thurs-days at 8 p.m. Open to all in-terested gay men and les-bians; all skill levels are wel-come. Call Greg at 585-2365.

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South Bay GLS — call the Loma Prieta GLS hotline at 408-236-2170.

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No-host brunch follows. Call John at 863-0954. San Francisco Track & Field, practice every Tues. and Thurs., 6 p.m., and Sun., 10:00 a.m., at Kezar Stadium on Waller & Stanyan streets, SF. Call Rick 550-7966. Bay Area Distance Runners. Call Dave Studach at 626-1380 or Lois Allen at 586-6013.

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Northern California Rain-bow Divers: Lesbian and Gay bow Divers: Lesbian and Gay Scuba Club for the active diver in Northern California. Meets second Tuesday of every month, 7:30 p.m. at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk Street, San Francisco. Call Greg Abrams for more info, (415) 821-2877.

San Francisco Spikes Men's Soccer. Practice Tues-days, 5:30-8 p.m., at Beach Chalet in Golden Gate Park. Call Carlo Togni at 821-4248. Women's Soccer. Call Golden Gate Women's Soccer League Chair Jan Mullen at 753-0946.

Softball

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Swimming

Tsunami Masters Swim Club — call Suzanne at 431-1933.

Team San Francisco

Gay Games bound Team San Francisco hopes to take at least 1,000 athletes from the Bay Area to Gay Games IV in New York, June 18-25, 1994. A deposit of \$100 (refundable through December) fundable through December) is needed now to secure housing in New York. Registration for all sports in GGIV begins in October. Through a quarterly newsletter and monthly calendars, TSF will supply you with the latest information coming out of New York, traul & housing regist. formation coming out of New York, travel & housing, regis-tration packets for all sports, your uniform for Opening & Closing Ceremonies, and funds to help you get there. To join TSF, call (415)-824-8118.

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Note: your sports group can be listed here: Send Sports Guide the name of your group, a brief descrip-tion, the date, times, and locations of your practices, and a contact person for the group. B.A.R.'s Sports Guide, 395 9th St. SF CA 94103. ▼

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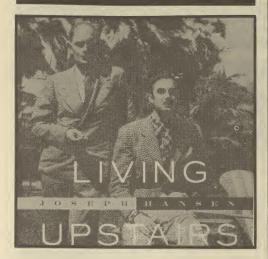
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by Roberto Friedman

oseph Hansen is best known for his Dave Brandsetter mysteries, which feature the gay private eye endeavoring against a backdrop of foul play. Now he has given us Living Upstairs, a splendid memoir-like novel set in 1940s Hollywood. Strictly speaking, the new book is not a mystery, although it does include an off-stage murder, a pack of lies, and a secret uncovered in its final pages. It's almost as if Hansen can't keep the skulduggery from seeping out of his pen.

Reep the skilldagery near seeping out of his pen. Nineteen-year-old Nathan Reed, an aspiring novelist who has caught the attention of a publisher, lives in upstairs rooms with handsome cowboy painter Hoyt Stubblefield. Hansen portrays their young love with nuance and skill. Their world is peopled by dissolute writers, wannabe movie actors, AWOL sailors, rabidly anticommunist Fed agents, all manner of rampant alcoholics and homosexual characters with a capital C. The down-at-heels Los Angeles we meet in these pages evokes the classic works of Nathaniel West or William Saroyen (both of whom appear in characters' reminiscences). But the governing sensibility is unmistakably gay; and the fast pace, the building suspense, and the deft characterization are all Joseph Hansen's.

ho has caught the attention Joseph Hansen's. Roman Beauties

Catalina's Riddle by Steven Saylor; St. Martin's Press, \$21.95

by Roberto Friedman

he final installment of San Francisco author Steven Saylor's Roma Sub Rosa trilogy, Catalina's Riddle is, like its predecessors Roman Blood and Arms of Nemesis,

anystery set amidst the political intrigues and nefarious plottings of Ancient Rome.

Our hero Gordianus the Finder believes he has escaped decadent, corrupt Roma by moving his family to a farm in the Etruscan countryside. Rome finds him, however, in the form of the handsome, charismatic Catalina, who stands accused of fomenting insurrection against the state by Cicero and seeks refuge on Gordianus' farm. Soon corpses begin appearing with their heads cut off — in the stables, down the well — and Gordianus regrets ever getting involved.

Saylor's strength as a sto-

Saylor's strength as a storyteller is his scholarship and great enthusiasm for the Roman Empire. As in the first two mysteries, the fictional plot is grounded in ancient history, aspects of which (Cicero's speeches, Catalina's populist revolt) are faithfully represented. Saylor brings expertise to what might otherwise be undistinguished genre fiction: for example, a

chapter in which Gordianus' son Meto undergoes the Roman ritual for passing into manhood, donning his first "manly toga," is compelling for the author's detailed account of the rites.

If the dialogue is sometimes wooden — slaves, children and senators all speaking in the same diction and cadences — Catalina's Riddle cannot be faulted for lacking local color. One of the pleasures of Saylor's books is the nonchalance with which homosexual liaisons are presented as part of the cultural landscape. Although nothing in this latest book matches the breathless descriptions of humpy slaves in Arms of Nemesis, Catalina's sleeping arrangements with his righthand man, the sexy Tongilius, leave little doubt as to their pleasures. We are even led to assume, in an uncharacteristically ambiguous scene, that Gordianus succumbs to the charms and seductions of the supercharged Catalina.

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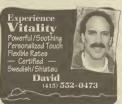
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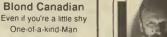
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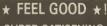
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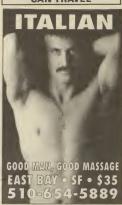
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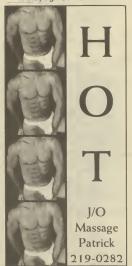
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